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Justice system at fault: Victim's aunt

Family of 11-year-old Ephraim Brown lashes out after two men found not guilty of murder ◗ Brown killed in crossfire of alleged 2007 Sheppard West gang shootout ◗ 'They've been painting us as bad people,' says acquitted

The family of an 11-year-old boy fatally shot at an outdoor birthday party lashed out at the justice system yesterday after the two men charged with causing his death were acquitted of second-degree murder.

Ephraim Brown, who had been allowed to stay up past his usual bedtime for the party, was killed in the crossfire as shots rang out in the early hours of July 22, 2007.

A lawyer for one of the accused said the case had a "happy ending insofar as the two innocent men have been proven so."

"Unfortunately, a boy is still dead and guns are still a problem in this city," Edward Sapiano said outside the court.

But when the jury returned the not guilty verdicts that acquitted Gregory Sappleton and Akiel Eubank, both 24, it set off emotional outbursts from Ephraim's family.

"You can go around and kill. There were witnesses who wanted to come forward but they were threatened with their lives."
NICOLE BROWN, AUNT OF VICTIM

"You baby murderers," one of the boy's aunts, Nicole Brown, screamed before storming out of the packed courtroom. Others gasped or burst into tears.

Looking both angry and dejected, Brown's aunts said they have lost faith in the justice system. Many of them blamed the trial's outcome on witnesses too frightened to testify.

"All you cowards who know the truth and did not step up, there's no forgiveness," Molly Brown said outside court.

Nicole Brown said there is "no justice in Canada."

The case rested largely on the testimony of Brown's cousin, Kishauna Thomas, who identified Sappleton and Eubank as the men firing the guns at the party.

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Yonge & Bloor. Brrrrr

▶ Pedestrians brave a bitter wind chill yesterday.

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Torontonians feel the chill

The city issued an extreme cold weather alert yesterday, in order to help homeless people get inside from the frigid conditions. It follows a sudden drop in temperature that made it feel like -20 C with the wind chill. The city will open an additional 171 shelter spaces, and provide transit tokens so people can get to the shelters. Today, Environment Canada is calling for a high of -8 C with a wind chill of -26 C in the morning.

Local

Woman rescued by passersby

◗ Woman stabbed inside vehicle at Yonge & Eglinton
◗ Her husband is in custody
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First time quarterback hasn't started a game since 1992
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Sick Kids. Teddy bears

▶ Telehop CEO Fulvio Ciano and operations manager Caroline Pacheco present teddy bears yesterday to patient Bess, 12, with some help from Fulvio's daughter Isabella Ciano at the Hospital for Sick Children.

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Smiles a little brighter at Hospital for Sick Children

Employees of telecommunications provider Telehop raised enough money for 620 plush teddy bears to be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children as part of its annual Brighter Smiles for Sick Kids initiative.

TTC takes a pass on discount fares

Ontario Association of Career Colleges trying to persuade new board of transit commissioners to include 15,000 students it represents in program

TTC staff are standing by an earlier decision to exclude about 70,000 students attending private career colleges and Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology from participating in a special Metropass discount program.

Extending the discount given this fall to about 300,000 university and community college students would cost the TTC $2.5 million annually, without producing a significant boost in ridership, says a report before the transit commission tomorrow.

Most students from private career colleges and applied arts and technology schools are already using Metropasses, according to the report.

The Ontario Association of Career Colleges executive director Paul Kitchin plans to appear before the new commission board when it meets for the first time. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Costly move

The TTC introduced a $99 post-secondary student pass as a concession to the fare increases it imposed in the new year.

- **Double.** The projected cost of the pass program, $3.8 million, nearly doubled before it even came into effect, to about $7 million.
- **Rides.** The TTC stands to gain only about 100,000 rides per year if it extends the program to private career colleges and applied arts and technology schools, according to the report.
- **Facilities.** The TTC doesn't have the facilities to make all the special photo ID cards required, according to the report.

One billion bottles saved from landfill

Officials say Ontario residents have returned one billion wine and spirit bottles to beer stores for recycling.

The Bag It Back program was introduced in 2007.

Bottles used for products sold at provincial liquor stores can be returned to beer stores for a refund.

Officials say 370,000 tonnes of glass have been diverted from landfills, enough to fill 54,000 garbage trucks.

More than 90 per cent of recovered glass is used for products like bottles, carpeting and fibreglass insulation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

83 Bag It Back is operated parallel to The Beer Store's 83-year-old deposit return program for beer bottles.

Toyota recalling minivans

Toyota Canada has issued a voluntary safety recall of thousands of 2011 model Sienna minivans due to potential problems with the brake light switch.

It says the brake light switch bracket could become deformed, which could make the brake lights stay on. Depending on the amount of damage, brakes could drag, leading to noise or vibration and, if not fixed, brakes could become less effective.

The company says the 12,600 vehicles concerned were made before November 2010 and owners of the recalled minivans will receive a letter telling them how to get it fixed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Andy Kim

CHARITY CONCERT

"IF YOU HAVE MUSIC ... YOU HAVE A FRIEND"

Pop legend Andy Kim brings his rollicking Christmas extravaganza back this year to benefit the Regent Park School of Music tomorrow night. Join Kim, along with friends Ron Sexsmith, Jully Black, Serena Ryder, Platinum Blonde and the Regent Park School of Music at the Mod Club. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

What do you consider the highlight of your show?
It's always exciting to be part of this event because it allows me to be on stage with just incredible, iconic musicians. But the deeper part of that is they are absolutely giving of their time to help promote the charity. A couple of hours on stage will be felt as just a great way to not only help us all start the holiday season, but to really benefit Regent Park School of Music.

What does this particular cause mean to you?
I had a chance to go and meet the kids last year and hear them play and spent some time talking about their feelings about their future. To me that makes it all personal. It takes it to a place that makes it a little different than just writing a cheque for somebody. I've always believed if you have music in your life, you have a friend for life.

You're now in your sixth year and growing. Talk about the public response.
We've been fortunate enough to sell out every year, and the response that I get is that we should up ticket prices because it's always such phenomenal artists and such a great show, and I still keep it at $25. My interest is for it to be affordable and if someone thinks it's worth more, have them write a cheque to the particular charity.

Why is it so important for music programs like the one in Regent Park to continue?
I think music helps your self-esteem. If you're a musician and you play, you're having a magical time, so if I can help someone get an instrument or help a program move forward, that's a wonderful opportunity. If I can bring something to Regent Park that adds to the program that already exists, it's great. JORDANA DIVON

Group loses charity status

Metro Street Focus Organization says on its website it distributes food, clothing, blankets, hygiene items, and transports street people to shelters

As Toronto prepares for a frigid few days, there's word the charitable status of a group that says it's dedicated to helping street children and the homeless has been revoked.

The Canada Revenue Agency says the charitable registration of Metro Street Focus Organization was revoked, effective last Saturday.

The federal agency says an audit of the organization identified serious issues of non-compliance with the requirements of the Income Tax Act.

It says Metro Street Focus Organization couldn't prove that claimed clothing, shoes and blankets had been distributed for charitable purposes, or even that they actually existed.

Toronto has issued an extreme cold weather alert, which opens extra shelter beds to help homeless people get in from the frigid conditions.

Metro Street Focus Organization could not be reached for comment.

CRA said the audit also revealed that, of the cash received, a significant portion was used for the improper personal benefit of the program director.

Money went to educational fees and repair and utility bills for the executive director's personal residence, the CRA said.

A charity that has had its charitable status revoked can no longer issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

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▶ A homeless person panhandles for money during an extreme cold weather alert in Toronto yesterday.

York University left without heat after fire

Parts of York University were shut down after a fire took out the steam boilers at the Keele campus yesterday, leaving it without a source of heat.

Alex Bilyk, a spokesperson for the university, said the fire started around 1 p.m. in the Central Utilities Building.

There were no casualties, but the building was evacuated as a precaution. Non-essential staff and students were also told to leave the university.

"Right now, the major problem is that this fire has affected our ability to provide heat," Bilyk said. "We don't know when the heat will be back up."

The situation was problematic for students with exams scheduled last night. Exams scheduled between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. continued, but all exams for last night will have to be rescheduled, Bilyk said.

"We're using all means of communications to get the message out to students," he said.

The blaze occurred in the central utilities building near the intersection of Albany and Chimneystack roads, said Toronto fire district Chief Stephen Powell.

Crews were on scene assessing the extent of the fire. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Passersby saved stabbed woman at Yonge and Eg

Her husband, Adrian Tidd, is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and assault with a weapon

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▶ The husband was driving his wife to work further north on Yonge street when he stabbed her with a large kitchen knife, police said.

The streets were bustling at Yonge and Eglinton just past 7:30 a.m. yesterday, with cars lined up at the intersection and people rushing to Tim Hortons to grab a coffee and seek respite from the sub-zero temperatures.

Suddenly, witnesses on the street and inside the coffee shop saw a woman in the passenger seat of a minivan being stabbed in the back and face by the driver.

Acting quickly, a man and his girlfriend rushed to the passenger side, pulling the bleeding woman out to safety, while several others joined to carry her to the sidewalk and lay her down, leaving behind a pool of blood on the road.

A witness called 911 and another took down the licence plate of a blue Dodge minivan as it sped off, striking a Honda Accord in the rear bumper near the intersection before driving away on Eglinton Ave. W.

Two hours later, police spotted the van in the Eglinton Ave. E. and Birchmont Rd. area, near the 41 Division police station. When police tried to pull the suspect over, he drove directly into the station and was promptly arrested.

Police say witnesses were instrumental in assisting the woman and helping lead officers to the suspect.

"The two witnesses, a boyfriend and girlfriend, who pulled up behind them as this was going on may well have saved her life," said Det. Murray Barnes. "They struggled to pull her out of the car as she was being stabbed. And a whole bunch of people from inside the store came out as well."

Thomas Wilson, 21, saw the scene unfold. He was trying to cross Yonge St. to get to his job at Druxy's deli on the west side of the street. It was his first day on the job.

"I saw her laying there on the sidewalk in a small pool of blood with two or three ambulance attendants working on her," said Wilson. "She wasn't moving. She was all covered up except for her head. I thought at first she had been hit by a car because there were so many cars in the area."

Police said when they found out the couple had a daughter, they immediately checked on her and determined she was safe.

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Musicians, artists and athletes — all made an impact in Toronto in 2010.

Torontonians derailed the gravy train by electing Rob Ford as mayor in a landslide, while rapper-singer Drake became one of the most sought-after collaborators in music.

Maybe you like one our baseball long-bombers: Jose Bautista had a record-setting summer for the Jays, and Richview Collegiate's own Joey Votto was National League MVP. Let us know via email, Twitter or Facebook.

Credit freeze

Judith Taylor didn't buy it.

- "I've gotta run. I'm really nervous about getting a ticket," she said before running into Kew Gardens to buy a Christmas tree.
- The machine on the other side of Queen St. E. wouldn't read her credit card. And while it ate 11-year-old Maddie Monson's toonie, it wouldn't spit out a ticket in return.

Snow's silver lining

Winter weather is magical, isn't it?

Suddenly your car is a lemon. Your street is a skating rink. And those machines that dispense parking slips are just big, green ice sculptures.

What was rain on the weekend turned to ice with yesterday's mercury dip, coating just about everything, including the city's solar-powered pay-and-display machines.

For some drivers, that meant a free ride.

Gwyn Thomas, president of the Toronto Parking Authority, said he was receiving reports of defective dispensers from along the Danforth, around city hall and in the Beach.

He didn't know how exactly how many machines were down, their buttons frozen and credit card readers illiterate. But while parking officials were busy de-icing, enforcement officers were told not to ticket near green machines that had turned glacial, he said.

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▶ Thousands of toys, personal care products and other necessities for youth and children were distributed at York University's single parents' holiday party Saturday.

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Community comes together to support single parents

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Eglinton LRT in limbo

Residents and businesses fear mayor may have to negotiate funds away from Eglinton to deliver on promise to build subway on Sheppard

They were disappointed when former premier Mike Harris cancelled their subway in favour of one on Sheppard.

Now, with a new mayor in charge, residents and businesses along Eglinton Avenue once again fear for the future of rapid transit in their neighbourhoods. They are writing letters and holding meetings as a way to fend off another broken promise.

"As a community that's already been toyed with, I can tell you people in those neighbourhoods are very concerned they may get squeezed out again," said Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, who has been canvassing Eglinton-area residents on the issue.

Mayor Rob Ford announced the suspension of the Transit City light-rail plan two weeks ago because he doesn't want any more street-level rail built in Toronto.

Even though it's supposed to run underground between Leslie and Keele and therefore might fit with Ford's plans, Eglinton is in limbo.

Soil testing continues there while the TTC develops an alternative to the Transit City plan, but it's too soon to say what will become of the Eglinton LRT, according to the TTC.

Even though his constituents are nervous, Coun. Josh Colle (Ward 15, Eglinton-Lawrence) said he is optimistic the LRT will go ahead, given that Ford seems to be softening his stance to include underground light rail.

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Welfare up but still too low: Report

Ontario had highest rate for single person with disability: $12,900
N.L. had highest rate for single parent with two-year-old: $19,300

The National Council on Welfare issued a good-news, bad-news annual report yesterday, finding that welfare incomes were up across most of Canada last year — but remained woefully inadequate.

"For increasing numbers of women, men and their children impacted by the recession, 2009 was a year in which they discovered the state of welfare the hard way," John Rook, chairman of the arms-length government advisory body, wrote in the introduction.

Welfare income ranged from a low of about $3,800 for a single person in New Brunswick to a high of $24,000 for a couple with two children in P.E.I.

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Not good enough

The National Council on welfare report stated that regardless of what measure is used, welfare remains far below "most socially accepted measures of adequacy."

- In only three provinces — Quebec, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador — were single parents on welfare able to reach or get close to the poverty line.

Pit. Crew

▶ City of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver District officials survey the damage caused by a large sinkhole that developed Sunday on Marine Drive in Vancouver.

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A hole lotta work to do

Officials in Vancouver say it could take at least a week to fix a big sewer line, a water main and a natural gas line and fill in a giant sinkhole that opened up under a major commuter street.

Driver beat boy who threw snowball: Cops

Provincial police say a driver is alleged to have meted out a bit of vigilante justice after a group of teens threw snowballs at his car.

The driver reported the snowball incident on Albert Street in Alliston, Ont., to police late last Saturday night.

A short time later, police say they got a call from Stevenson Memorial Hospital where a 15-year-old boy arrived with extensive facial injuries.

Police allege the driver had chased the five youths and caught one of them.

Police say the boy was punched in the face twice and then kicked after he hit the ground.

Brandon Lloyd, 26, of Essa Township is charged with one count of assault causing bodily harm.

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Con artist to live con life again

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▶ Guzman-Betancout

A smooth-talking swindler whose scams have earned worldwide notoriety is headed back to prison.

Juan Guzman-Betancout, 34, who was arrested last year after crossing into Vermont from Canada, was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in prison.

Known to use charm and his good looks to bilk victims, Guzman-Betancout first showed up in the U.S. in 1993 in Miami, claiming to be a 13-year-old orphan who'd survived a flight from Colombia in the wheel well of a plane.

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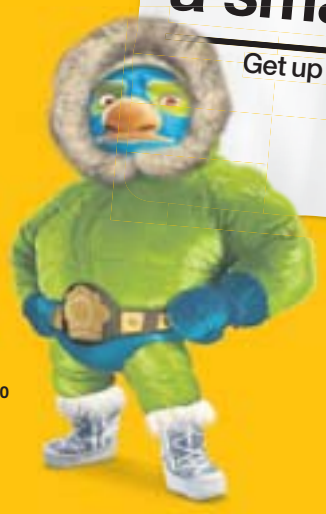

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Sri Lanka scraps Tamil anthem

Version sung in Tamil schools, public offices for nearly 60 years

Sri Lanka has scrapped the Tamil-language version of its national anthem, a move that may add to the country's ethnic tensions after a bloody decades-long civil war.

Public Administration Minister John Seneviratne said yesterday the cabinet decided only the original Sinhalese-language version should be sung publicly.

Sri Lanka's constitution recognizes the version sung in Sinhala, the language spoken by the country's ethnic majority.

"There is only one national anthem which is constitutionally recognized," Seneviratne said.

The decision could further divide a country that has just emerged from a 25-year civil war that claimed at least 80,000 lives.

"This will only widen the gap between the Tamil and Sinhala people."
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Tamils have long complained of systematic marginalization by ethnic Sinhalese-controlled governments in language use, jobs and education.

Sri Lankan troops defeated the Tamil Tiger rebels last year, ending the country's civil war, but the government has yet to follow up on its promises of equality and power-sharing.

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Driving under the veil not a crime — yet

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A French court has annulled a fine given to a woman driver wearing an Islamic face veil, months before a ban on wearing the garments goes into effect.

Traffic police in the western city of Nantes fined 31-year-old Sandrine Mouleres €22 ($29.60) in April, saying she did not have a clear field of vision, but the court quashed the fine yesterday.

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Polygamy case faces prejudice: Expert

A religious studies professor is warning a B.C. court not to rely on stereotypes or prejudice when deciding the fate of Canada's polygamy law.

Lori Beaman of the University of Ottawa is an expert witness at a landmark case examining whether Canada's prohibition on polygamy is constitutional. Religious minorities often face heavy scrutiny for practices that fall outside the norms of society, she says.

The case was prompted by the polygamous community of Bountiful, which follows a fundamentalist interpretation of Mormonism that has long been rejected by the mainstream Mormon church.

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Have your say on future of health care

Canadians are being asked to write their own prescription for the future of the country's health-care system.

The Canadian Medical Association has created a website, healthcaretransformation.ca, to seek opinions on questions likely to play a large role in the coming debate on health-care reform.

The current federal-provincial health accord is set to expire in 2014.

"There is going to be a lot of discussion that takes place over the next year or two and Canadians have to be heard," said Dr. Jeff Turnbull, president of the CMA.

The discussions will come as drug costs soar and the population continues to age, but also as federal and provincial governments continue to try to wrestle down deficits.

The three topics up for discussion are expansion of the Canada Health Act, the definition of value for money in health care and what responsibility Canadians should take for their own health.

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Obama health reform unconstitutional: Judge

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▶ Virginia Republican Representative Eric Cantor is urging the White House to agree to expedite a final ruling on the health-care law by appealing directly to the Supreme Court without first stopping at an appeals court.

Justice Department reviewing this latest ruling: White House

A federal judge declared the foundation of President Barack Obama's health-care law unconstitutional yesterday, ruling that the government cannot require Americans to purchase insurance. The case is expected to end up at the Supreme Court.

The ruling is a strike against one of Obama's top priorities and the signature achievement of his first two years in office, designed to spread coverage to millions of Americans who lack it.

In his order, U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson said he will allow the law to remain in effect while appeals are heard, meaning there is unlikely to be any immediate impact on other provisions that have already taken effect.

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News in brief

'Unpredictable' Kim the issue: U.S. admiral

KOREAS. The danger of war or hostilities is rising on the Korean peninsula, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il is "a very unpredictable guy," the top U.S. military officer said yesterday. Adm. Mike Mullen said North Korea has raised the ante in its aggression against South Korea. Mullen told troops in Iraq that the old tit for tat pattern with North Korea has changed. "It's changed out there, and it's dangerous. Increasingly dangerous," Mullen said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oilsands giants unite

TAILINGS. Canada's top oilsands miners have agreed to share their know-how on managing harmful waste from their operations. The companies say they'll cut the monetary and intellectual property barriers to using their tailings-reduction technology. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-priest held in Ireland

CHARGES. A defrocked California priest made notorious by an award-winning documentary on sex abuse in the Catholic church has been detained by Irish authorities on child pornography charges, police said yesterday. Oliver O'Grady was arrested near Dublin Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man escaped standoff

NEWFOUNDLAND. A man slipped away from the scene of a week-long armed standoff and got a ride out of town to buy smokes while police guarded what turned out to be an empty house for nearly 16 hours, the RCMP said yesterday. The Mounties said the man snuck past their security perimeter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ahmadinejad fires foreign minister

Signs of a rift at top levels of Iranian government as country's nuclear chief takes over from Mottaki

Iran's president abruptly fired his foreign minister yesterday and named the nuclear chief as acting top diplomat, the latest sign of a rift at the top levels of the Islamic theocracy as the country faces intense pressure from the West over its nuclear program.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gave no explanation for the change in a brief statement on his website. But the fired diplomat, Manouchehr Mottaki, is seen as close to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. And the president may be aiming to install a figure more personally loyal to himself as Tehran resumes critical talks with world powers over the nuclear program that has brought four rounds of UN sanctions on Iran.

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▶ Manouchehr Mottaki

The nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, is one of Ahmadinejad's 12 vice-presidents.

"This move shows not only the internal tensions but the primacy of the nuclear issue as Iran's main foreign policy objective," said Rasool Nafisi, an expert on Iranian affairs at Strayer University in Virginia.

Mottaki made no immediate public comment on his dismissal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fired on road

- Just last week, Iran resumed negotiations with six world powers over its suspect nuclear program after a long hiatus and another round is planned for early next year. Four sets of UN sanctions appear to be biting into the Iranian economy and Ahmadinejad may be looking for a loyal foreign minister who will help him clinch a deal with the six powers to ease the punitive measures.
- Mottaki, foreign minister since 2005, was fired in the middle of a tour of African nations that took him to Senegal, where he delivered a message from Ahmadinejad to the West African nation's leaders yesterday, according to the official IRNA news agency.

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Errors lead to changes at Windsor hospital

- Province will appoint full-time supervisor
- Two women had unnecessary mastectomies

The province is stepping in to take control of a Windsor hospital that became the centre of a controversy over surgical errors.

Health Minister Deb Matthews said she plans to appoint a full-time supervisor in two weeks to oversee Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital.

The supervisor will ensure that the recommendations of a recent report into pathology errors in the area's hospitals are implemented, she said yesterday.

"I intend to recommend appointing a supervisor because I want to ensure that we are addressing the findings and recommendations raised in the report as quickly and efficiently as possible," the minister said in a release.

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▶ Deb Matthews

The report, released in August, looked into mistakes at three Windsor-area hospitals after two women came forward saying their breasts had been removed under the mistaken belief they had cancer.

Laurie Johnston of Leamington, Ont., had a mastectomy in November 2009 from Dr. Barbara Heartwell, who admitted she misread the results of a needle biopsy that found Johnston did not have cancer.

Janice Laporte, whose breast was removed by Heartwell in September 2001, was told a week after her surgery that she didn't have cancer. Both surgeries were performed at Hotel-Dieu.

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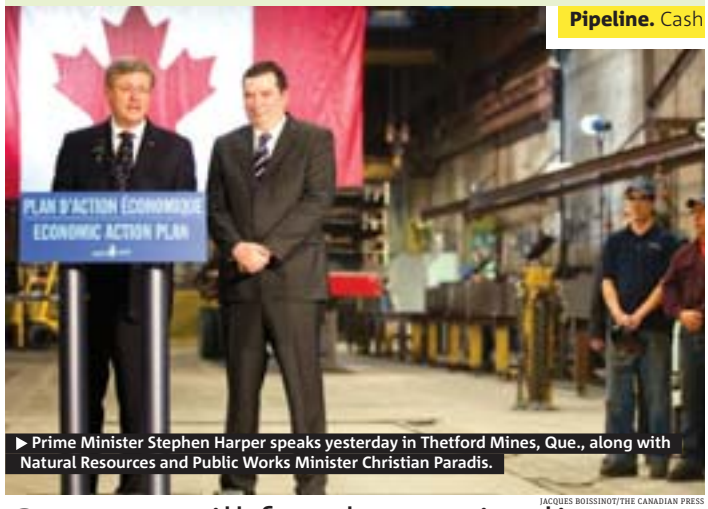

▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks yesterday in Thetford Mines, Que., along with Natural Resources and Public Works Minister Christian Paradis.

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Ottawa will fund gas pipeline

Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced yesterday that Ottawa will invest up to $18.1 million for construction of a new natural gas pipeline in Quebec. The total cost of the project is expected to be $24.7 million.

U.S. diplomat Holbrooke dies: Source

Richard Holbrooke, a brilliant and feisty U.S. diplomat who wrote part of the Pentagon Papers, was the architect of the 1995 Bosnia peace plan and served as U.S. President Barack Obama's special envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan, died yesterday, an administration official said. He was 69.

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Ex-hockey coach quietly granted bail

Convicted sex offender Graham James to live in Montreal
Currently facing nine charges

Former junior hockey coach and convicted sex offender Graham James has been released on bail and will be living in the Montreal area until his trial on new sexual assault charges.

After two days of hearings over two weeks, James was to be in court yesterday to finalize his bail conditions. But documents indicate that a justice of the peace signed off on his release late Friday afternoon.

Former Calgary Flames forward Theo Fleury, the only one of the three new complainants who can be identified, said he wasn't surprised James had been released quietly.

"He got a pardon and we didn't know about it, I guess it's par for the course," said Fleury, referring to the decision in 2007 to grant James a pardon on his three earlier convictions for molesting young players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charges

James currently faces nine charges stemming from alleged encounters between 1979 and 1994 involving three boys, one of them former NHL star Theo Fleury.

Conditions There are 11 bail conditions, including that he report to police in Montreal once a week, that he not leave the country and that he not be alone with a person under 18.

Italy. Let's make a deal

▶ Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gestures during yesterday at the senate in Rome.

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Italian PM seeks support

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi urged lawmakers yesterday to support him in looming confidence votes, warning that stability is essential as the country battles an economic crisis. Fighting for his political survival, the Italian leader offered to negotiate a new agenda that would allow the government to survive until new elections in 2013.

U.S. seeks to revise Mideast peace talks

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▶ George Mitchell

The U.S. Mideast envoy returned to the region yesterday, seeking to revive troubled peace efforts after a major setback in which Washington abandoned efforts to coax Israel to freeze Jewish settlement in areas Palestinians claim.

The envoy, George Mitchell, was expected to push the Israelis and Palestinians for progress on key issues. But in a reflection of the difficulties ahead, Mitchell was being forced to meet separately with the sides during the two-day visit, and expectations for a breakthrough were low. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baby whale set free

1,400 The young whale is about five metres long and weighs about 1,400 kilograms.

A wounded baby sperm whale was treated with antibiotics and escorted back to sea early yesterday after getting stranded on rocks north of San Diego.

The sex couldn't be determined, said David Koontz, director of communications for SeaWorld.

Shortly after midnight, the The SeaWorld Animal Rescue Team took the whale about a half a kilometre out to sea and turned it loose.

"It swam away freely on its own," Koontz said. "We are hoping it stays at sea." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon greets U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton yesterday as she arrives for a meeting of foreign ministers in Quebec.

Minister calls for peace in Haiti

Country 'remains a grave concern and we stand with its citizens as they rebuild their country': Cannon

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon wrapped up a meeting with his American and Mexican counterparts yesterday by calling for a return to peace and order in Haiti.

Cannon said Haitian leaders must fulfil their obligations to democracy and show respect for the electoral process.

The high-level talks come after violent demonstrations in Haiti over a presidential election that failed to produce a winner.

The foreign ministers — including U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton — also reaffirmed their commitment to trilateral co-operation on continental security.

They discussed the economy, international security, energy and climate change, and health issues.

Officials said the meeting would not deal with so-called plans for a new North American "border vision" — an initiative led by the Canadian and U.S. security departments.

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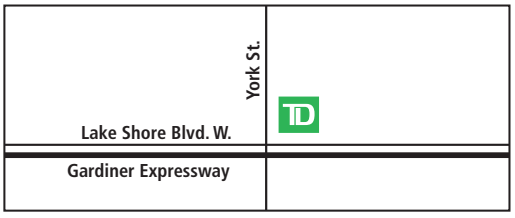

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Gangs, activists stirred violent protests: Official

More demonstrations expected this week after Britain plans to raise tuition fees by three times current limit

Britain's Home Secretary said yesterday that street gangs and hard-core activists infiltrated a protest last week in which demonstrators rampaged through London and attacked a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla.

Several hundred people vandalized government buildings, battled riot police and rounded on the royal couple as they drove to a theatre — smashing a window of their Rolls-Royce and splattering the car with paint.

Home Secretary Theresa May said many of the 15,000 people who gathered last Thursday in central London to protest planned increases in college tuition fees became involved in the violence.

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Police have made 39 arrests in connection with Thursday's protests and have released photographs of about a dozen other people still wanted for questioning.

She confirmed one protester managed to make contact with Camilla during the attack on the car. "It is quite clear that these acts were not perpetrated by a small minority, but by a significant number of troublemakers," May told the House of Commons.

May said police believe "the protests were infiltrated by organized groups of hard-core activists and street gangs bent on violence."

Forty-three protesters were injured during clashes with riot police and 35 officers were hurt. Britain's police watchdog is investigating one incident in which a 20-year-old man suffered major head injuries.

Demonstrators largely blamed the clashes last week on aggressive tactics by police, including the use of "kettling" — confining protesters to small areas for long periods.

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▶ Baseball hall of famer Ferguson (Fergie) Jenkins fields questions as he celebrates his 68th birthday yesterday by attending the print production run of the Fergie Jenkins postage stamp in Ottawa.

Baseball great gets his stamp

- Fergie Jenkins pitched for 19 years in major leagues
- Was also a member of famed Harlem Globetrotters

Fergie Jenkins received a truly unique present on his 68th birthday.

The baseball hall of fame pitcher from Chatham, Ont., was on hand to see Canada Post conduct a print run of stamps bearing his image that will commemorate Black History month in February.

Jenkins is just the second Canadian who has ever had the opportunity to see the printing run in progress as their image is put indelibly on a Canada Post stamp — the other being Acadian singer-songwriter Edith Butler.

Jenkins, a member of the Order of Canada, said the stamp provides a historic bookend to a major league career for which his image was first printed on a baseball card in 1965.

The stamp depicts a young Jenkins on the pitcher's mound with the Chicago Cubs, set behind a modern photo of Jenkins at his Order of Canada ceremony from 2007.

Jenkins is the only Canadian to date inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama looks at Michelle Obama yesterday before he signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010 in the Columbia Heights neighbourhood of Washington.

New bill fights U.S. child obesity

- Former governor Sarah Palin criticizes the effort
- Republicans say $4.5B measure is too expensive

Thousands more American children would eat lunches and dinners at school and all school food would become more nutritious under a bill U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law yesterday, part of an administration-wide effort to combat childhood obesity.

"At a very basic level, this act is about doing what's right for our children," Obama said before signing the bill. The ceremony was moved from the White House, where most signings are held, to an elementary school in the District of Columbia to underscore the point.

Besides Obama, the bill also was a priority for his wife, Michelle, who launched a U.S. campaign this year against childhood obesity.

The $4.5-billion measure increases the federal reimbursement for free school lunches by six cents a meal at a time when many schools say they can't afford to provide the meals. The bill will also expand access to free lunch programs and allow 20 million additional after-school meals to be served annually in all 50 states. Most states now only provide money for after-school snacks.

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Ivory Coast politician vows to take control

Two rivals claim to be president after chaotic vote
Incumbent leader refuses calls to step down

The internationally recognized winner of Ivory Coast's presidential poll said yesterday he and his supporters will march on state institutions in a bid to take control, and the European Union agreed on sanctions against the incumbent.

Incumbent leader Laurent Gbagbo claimed victory in November's poll and has rebuffed calls from the U.S., the EU, former colonial ruler France and the African Union to step down. The United Nations recognized opposition leader Alassane Ouattara as the winner. Both took oaths of office and set up governments last week in the vote's chaotic aftermath.

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▶ Laurent Gbagbo

After setting up his administration in an Abidjan hotel, Ouattara yesterday raised the stakes by saying he and his supporters will march on government buildings and state television Thursday in a high-risk bid to deprive Gbagbo of the trappings of his presidency.

Ouattara's Prime Minister Guillaume Soro said his camp will go to state television headquarters Thursday to install their newly appointed station chief.

Both state television and the government buildings are currently occupied by officials loyal to Gbagbo and are heavily guarded by Gbagbo's forces.

Soro did not say what the group would do if it met resistance, nor if New Forces rebels loyal to Ouattara would participate in the planned events.

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She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

I think we've all shed a few tears over a particularly terrible haircut at some point in our lives. If you've never broken down in front of the mirror over your hair, well, I guess you're just a little more emotionally stable than the rest of us.

I'm not proud of it, but I've hosted a number of pity parties for myself in the hours following a disastrous cut and blow. And, of course, the most horrendous hair mistakes always seem to happen days before an important and highly photographed event. So bad is my history with hair care that I've gotten to the point where I no longer trust any of these power-tripping, round-brush wielding stylists.

Every salon visit seems to go a little something like this:

Me: "Just a trim please, I still want to keep the length."

Hairstylist: "Got it. You want it much shorter and with lots of layers."

Me: "No, no layers, I hate layers. Just a trim please."

Hairstylist: "All right, so I'll be cutting off about five inches and giving you 'The Rachel' from Friends circa 1994."

Clearly, none of us mere mortals stands a chance against these perfectly coiffed professionals with their confusing double-speak about feathering techniques and proper follicle maintenance.

"I can't think of any other people that I pay to make me this miserable, except maybe my dentist."

And, so, I almost always leave the salon mourning the loss of my long locks and a hard-earned $50, even more when I am guilted into purchasing an armful of pretentious shampoos and serums that I really don't need and certainly can't afford. One time I even walked away with a bloody ear after a scissor-happy stylist got a little carried away.

I can't think of any other people that I pay to make me this miserable, except maybe my dentist.

Just last week I found myself tearing up in front of the mirror while scrutinizing my latest chop; traumatized yet again by too-short-tresses and 1990s sitcom-star inspired layers. Yes, I know it's just hair and it'll grow back, but at the time it always seems so devastating.

I've had plenty of horrific hairdos (make that hair-don'ts) over the course of my 25 years. A perm, bangs, another perm ... but the most important thing I've learned is that you should never, ever get a haircut in a foreign country. Trust me when I tell you, North American women cannot pull off an edgy Euro-mullet.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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Inside Chornobyl

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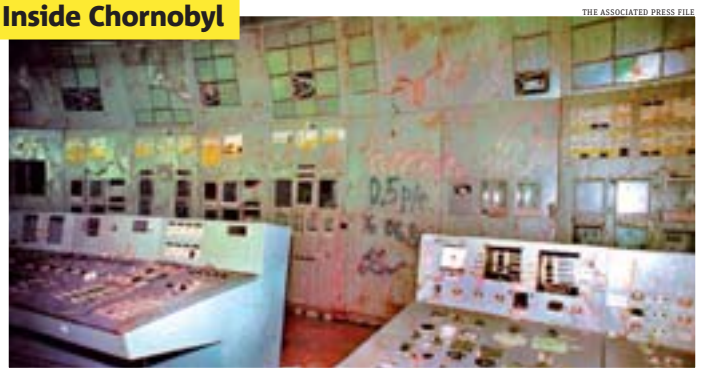

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Beginning next year, Ukraine plans to open up the sealed zone around the Chornobyl reactor to visitors who wish to learn more about the tragedy that occurred nearly a quarter of a century ago, the Emergency Situations Ministry said yesterday.

Chornobyl's reactor No. 4 exploded April 26, 1986, spewing radiation over a large swath of northern Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people were resettled from areas contaminated with radiation fallout in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. Related health problems still persist.

The so-called exclusion zone, a highly contaminated area within a 50-kilometre radius of the exploded reactor, was evacuated and sealed off in the aftermath of the explosion. All visits were prohibited.

A few firms now offer tours to the restricted area, but the government says those tours are illegal and their safety is not guaranteed. Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Yulia Yershova said experts are developing travel routes that will be both medically safe and informative for Ukrainians, as well as foreign visitors.

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Acoustic Soul Tuesdays

If you have ever seen HBO's Def Poetry, you've experienced how spoken word performances manage to be both powerful and entertaining at once.

So at Acoustic Soul Tuesdays, the city's longest-running urban open mic event, prepare to be moved. The evening, hosted by spoken word artist Hajile (Lotus) Kalaike, features a live house band and is open to all vocalists, musicians, emcees and slam poets who wish to express themselves to a captivated audience. Past performers include Chris Rouse, Mellow Dee, and upcoming soul star Lisa Michelle, but you never know who will take the stage — and that's part of the beauty.

Check out Black Lotus Media on Facebook for more. JORDANA DIVON

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▶ Tonight's Acoustic Soul Tuesday at Trane Studio (964 Bathurst St.) promises an evening of powerful open mic performances.

Bay Street rejoices as China keeps rates down

Resource-heavy TSX up about 13% this year thanks to growth in China, resulting jump in commodity demand

The Toronto stock market closed higher yesterday with investors feeling relieved that China is not raising interest rates to deal with high inflation.

Positive economic news also gave a lift to the loonie. Statistics Canada reported that Canadian industries operated at 78.1 per cent of production capacity in the third quarter, up from 76.9 per cent in the second quarter. The agency said the improvement was driven by the manufacturing sector.

Investors had been concerned going into this past weekend that China would raise interest rates to deal with inflation that surged to a 28-month high of 5.1 per cent in November.

That again raised worries that the country's economy could slow. But instead, the central bank ordered another increase in banks' capital reserves on Friday in its latest move to reduce excess liquidity.

Traders were also encouraged by the outcome of China's annual economic planning meeting, where leaders affirmed their determination to fight inflation while also keeping growth on track.

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▶ John Leahy, Airbus CEO, delivers his company's global market forecast at the Airbus Factory in Toulouse, France, yesterday.

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Airbus predicts demand will soar

European plane-maker Airbus is forecasting a faster-than-expected recovery in the aircraft industry. It says the world will need $3.2 trillion US in new passenger and freighter aircraft over the next 20 years. That figure translates to nearly 26,000 planes. The company cites growing demand for more eco-friendly planes, strong growth in new markets and the expansion of low-cost airlines in Asia.

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'Crisis not over'

Reckoning will be swift and brutal, Carney warns Canadians ● Bank may tighten rates just to discourage risky behaviour, governor says

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is issuing a broad warning to Canadians, firms and governments that the financial and economic crisis is far from over and they need to rein in their appetite for cheap money.

Carney told the Economic Club in Toronto the global recovery is so weak that advanced nations may need to keep interest rates super low for a long period, and the U.S. may have to resort to yet another round of printing money.

For Canadians, he noted with alarm that household credit has grown by seven per cent since the recession's trough, compared to a 3.5 per cent decline in the U.S., perhaps an indication Canadians believe the easy ride on debt payments will be permanent.

The Bank of Canada will set interest rates based on inflation, not on whether a large swath of Canadians have taken on too much debt, he added.

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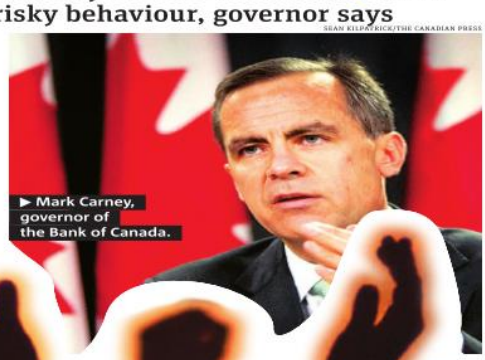

▶ Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of Canada.

KFC, TACO BELL, PIZZA HUT

PRISZM SELLING ALL ONTARIO, B.C. OUTLETS

Priszm Income Fund says it's selling off all its 232 restaurants in Ontario and British Columbia to a numbered company for about $46.4 million.

The operator of most of Canada's KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut restaurants says the numbered company is owned by a European franchise of Yum! Restaurants International. Yum! operates franchises and handles licences for various fast food restaurants around the world.

The purchase price is subject to various adjustments based on assets and other factors.

Priszm said the decision was made after a review of its operations to sell certain combinations of its assets in order to meet liquidity needs and assist with its franchise upgrade requirements.

Priszm also announced yesterday that franchise agreements for 70 restaurants have been extended with Yum! Restaurants International to Jan. 15, 2011, and include 24 locations that are part of the sale.

Priszm had operated more than 400 fast food outlets that employed 7,300 people in seven provinces. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Valeant's chairman stepping down

Valeant Pharmaceuticals Inc., formerly Biovail Corp., says chairman William Wells has resigned to be replaced by Robert Ingram, the lead independent director.

The Toronto-area company said Well resigned to pursue other interests.

Valeant is a specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets products primarily in the areas of neurology, dermatology and branded generics.

It has a pipeline of drugs to help treat epilepsy, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, acne and hepatitis C.

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Netflix beefing up its Canadian content

A slate of Canadian programs from the CBC like The Tudors, as well as various other popular television shows and movies, are headed to Netflix Canada.

The video streaming website said yesterday it has signed various licensing agreements with major distributors for "hundreds of new titles" available to its subscribers.

The list includes Canadian TV shows like Republic Of Doyle, a CBC comedy-drama series that will be made available on Netflix the day after it airs on television, as well as Kids In The Hall and The Tudors.

Other content ranges from the U.S. cable series The Big C, starring Laura Linney, to Emmy-nominated reality show Undercover Boss and seasons of Saturday Night Live.

"TV content continues to be extremely popular with our members," said Kelly Merryman, vice-president of content acquisition for Netflix.

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Streaming

Netflix made its Canadian debut in September with a streaming-only service.

- **The service** streams on PCs, Macs, iPhones and iPads, Nintendo Wii, Sony PlayStation 3 and some Blu-ray players.
- **Netflix's all-you-can-order** monthly subscription service serves as an alternative to renting at video stores and pay-per-view and on-demand cable services.
- **Competitor Zip.ca,** which offers DVD rentals by mail, has said it plans to launch its own video streaming service in the near future.

Royal Bank strengthens markets outside the U.S.

Royal Bank of Canada says it has acquired Loudoun Capital Partners, a boutique financial advisory group in Europe.

The bank said yesterday the transaction includes the appointment of Loudoun's Mike Carter and Robin Mackie to the European global investment division of RBC Capital Markets. Both Carter and Mackie previously worked at Lehman Brothers in Europe, RBC said.

The move into Europe comes as Royal Bank refocuses its international strategies to countries other than the United States, where it is grappling with making repairs to operations that have been damaged by the economic downturn.

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Tron star about to go On the Road

Best known for smaller roles in Friday Night Lights and Four Brothers, Garrett Hedlund takes centre stage in Tron: Legacy

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Garrett Hedlund's schedule is getting pretty full these days, with two films — Tron: Legacy and Country Strong — hitting theatres and another, On the Road, just completed. The ever-humble Minnesota native talked with Metro about heading up a franchise, motorcycle envy and crash diets.

How does it feel stepping into the lead role here? Playing Jeff Bridges' son, you have an even bigger role than he does.

With the films I've done prior, even before I'd gotten my first role, I'd kind of formulated in my mind that if I'm an actor, all I really want to be is a piece of the puzzle, but I never wanted to be the picture of the puzzle. I always concentrated on being in films with great actors that I could learn from.

The studio obviously has a franchise in mind for Tron. Are you ready to be a part of something like this for a while?

When I wanted to come out to L.A. to be an actor, all my other friends that were very serious about acting wanted to go to New York and wanted to be in theatre. I wanted to be in film. I didn't want to do television, I just wanted to do film. I know that within this film, and in order to appease everything that's applied and necessary, you have to be willing and able to do everything that comes along with the package.

Did you do your own motorcycle work for Tron: Legacy?

Yes. I drove a motorcycle a little bit on the farm in Minnesota growing up, just dirt bikes and stuff. But actually handling this Ducati... I mean, you could get up to 80 miles an hour in first gear, so it was kind of a dangerous machine, especially to drive un-helmeted. In a big kind of Disney production, producers aren't happy about these things.

This is a pretty big year for you, with Tron: Legacy and Country Strong. How did you manage everything?

It's been a weird line of transitions, because for two years I was prepping for On the Road, so by the time I did Tron, I'd had to start a massive amount of training. I got with the trainer and then I had to lose 30 pounds to get back into the suit. It was just so chaotic. It's been such a multiple-personality-disordered year. I don't know if that makes sense.

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▶ Actor Garrett Hedlund arrives at the premiere of the feature film Tron: Legacy in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Bieber in Twitter top trends 10

Canadian Justin Bieber has made another big year-end list, this time making Twitter's top 10 trends of 2010.

The social networking site says 25 billion tweets have been sent this year so far, and the top trend was talk about the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Second was the World Cup, which generated massive attention and chatter worldwide. Vuvuzela, the buzzing horn that was the unofficial soundtrack to the event in South Africa, was fifth, and Pulpo Paul, the score-predicting octopus, was 10th.

The movie Inception was third, the earthquake in Haiti was fourth, the iPad was sixth, and Google Android was seventh.

Bieber, who has more than 6.3 million followers on Twitter, was eighth and Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows was ninth.

Bieber fans responded with outrage earlier in the year after his name stopped appearing on Twitter's list of trending topic.

Twitter explained that once a topic has become very popular it's harder to appear on the list, which identifies topics that are increasing in popularity.

So Bieber fans responded by finding another way to get their hero on the list. They continued to constantly tweet about him but referred to him as Bustin Jieber. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Justin Bieber

Bed Intruder tops poll

Antoine Dodson's dramatic reaction to the attempted rape of his sister has spawned the most-watched YouTube video of the year, excepting music videos.

Video that turned Dodson's rant into a song, Bed Intruder Song, became an Internet sensation, with more than 61 million views. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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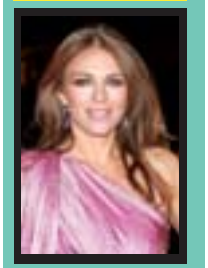

British actress and model Elizabeth Hurley says she has separated from her husband, Arun Nayar, of three years.

Hurley's announcement on her Twitter account comes amid reports in British tabloids linking her romantically to Australian cricket star Shane Warne. Warne confirmed he has also split from his wife.

"Not a great day," Hurley, 45, tweeted Sunday. "For the record, my husband Arun & I separated a few months ago."

The couple married in 2007 at a castle outside of London. They followed up the private civil ceremony with a lavish and traditional Hindi wedding in Jodphur, India.

Hurley, 45, dated actor Hugh Grant for more than a decade and has an eight-year-old son, Damian, from a relationship with film producer Steve Bing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Cyrus breaks rom-com clichés

Cyrus
(Fox Searchlight)
●●●½

The most sincere moment in any movie you are likely to see this year comes in the twitch of an angry neck vein.

It's the involuntary reaction of John C. Reilly's put-upon character John, as he suddenly realizes diplomacy is getting him nowhere. His massive mitts are near the neck of his tormenter Cyrus (Jonah Hill), the 21-year-old son of John's new girlfriend Molly (Marisa Tomei).

Cyrus has mommy issues. He still lives at home — dad is long gone — and he's not happy about another man entering Molly's life. He understands that he's difficult to get close to ("I get overly excited sometimes") but he can't help himself.

Neither can John, who also operates on self-destructive instincts. He recognizes a lot of Cyrus in himself.

This latest minimalist study in maximum emotions comes from talented brothers Mark and Jay Duplass. It finds truth in those moments between spoken words, when the flick of an eyelid, the pulse of a vein or the purse of the lips betray things that might otherwise not be stated.

This could be a horror or suspense movie, and in some ways, it is — the soundtrack often takes on the rapid-pulse aspects of a thriller. Cyrus obviously has emotional and possibly mental issues, but they're not clearly defined. There's no telling what he's prepared to do to keep mommy to himself.

No necks were harmed in the making of Cyrus, but many tired relationship clichés were.

Extras include deleted scenes, a Q&A with the Duplass bros and a music mash-up with Reilly and Hill. ● PETER HOWELL

Remake earns an 'A' for action

The A-Team
(20th Century Fox)
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Acting like a cartoon is the whole point of The A-Team and also the main appeal of this adapted '80s TV actioner, which is actually smarter than it needs to be. In this case, gratefully, "dumb" isn't a synonym for "idiotic."

Director Joe Carnahan remains true to A-Team lore: a quartet of ex-military aces, benevolent brutes, all band together to right wrongs and settle scores anywhere in the world, shedding only the blood permitted by the U.S. PG-13 rating.

Liam Neeson takes last year's Taken to its logical next level by marching into George Peppard's role of Col. Hannibal Smith, a cigar-chomping square jaw with fatherly mien and boyish enthusiasm. Bradley Cooper, Sharlto Copley and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson complete these amusing 'B' versions of the original 'A's. I pity the fool who fails to share the popcorn. Extras, mostly on the Blu-ray, include director's commentary, a highlights mash-up and deleted and extended scenes. ● PETER HOWELL

Ferrell's buddy cop comedy falls flat

The Other Guys
(Sony Pictures)
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The abiding philosophy of funnyman Will Ferrell and his directorial accomplice Adam McKay is that any joke worth cracking is worth pounding into the pavement.

The Other Guys, a buddy-cop comedy pairing Ferrell with Mark Wahlberg, takes this nag-flailing fault to extremes. We get infinite variations of sexist and homophobic humour involving a dumb cop (Wahlberg) and a really dumb cop (Ferrell).

Michael Keaton's stiff-necked police captain and Steve Coogan's scheming Wall Streeter might also have worked better, had the script offered them anything more than simply mugging for the camera.

Eva Mendes manages to escape the satirical shackles in her role as Ferrell's long-suffering wife. She provides the inspired lunacy missing from most of the picture, especially in a scene where she deadpans sings Pimps Don't Cry to her depressed hubby.

Extras, mainly on the DVD, include deleted and extended scenes and numerous gag featurettes. ● PETER HOWELL

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Black Swan soars with 12 Critics' Choice award nominations

Natalie Portman's ballet drama Black Swan led contenders yesterday for the Critics' Choice Movie Awards with a record 12 nominations, among them best picture and actress.

The British monarchy tale The King's Speech and the Coen brothers' Western flick True Grit, both up for best picture, were second with 11 nominations each.

Other best-picture nominees were the survival story 127 Hours, the boxing saga The Fighter, the sci-fi smash Inception, the Facebook chronicle The Social Network, the heist thriller The Town, the animated blockbuster Toy Story 3, and the Ozarks crime yarn Winter's Bone.

▶ Mila Kunis is up for a best supporting actress honour at this year's Critics' Choice awards.

Along with Portman's lead-actress nomination, honours for Black Swan include a supporting-actress slot for Mila Kunis and a directing nomination for Darren Aronofsky.

Presented by the 250 members of the Broadcast Film Critics Association, the 16th annual awards will be handed out Jan. 14 in a ceremony at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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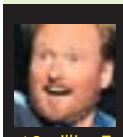
Billy Ray Cyrus [@billyray cyrus] Sorry guys. I had no idea. Just saw this stuff for the first time myself. Im so sad. There is much beyond my control right now.



Conan O'Brien [@Conan OBrien] I am almost at 2 million Twitter followers! I am going to tell my grandkids about this — right after I explain to them what "Twitter" was.

Andy Roddick [@andy roddick] im about to make THE DECISION of the morning... i think i'm gonna take my talents to Coffee Bean

Miley's leaked video sparks salvia sales

[illegible] use party allegedly shows Cyrus taking hits of psychedelic herb from a bong

While the recent leaked video of Miley Cyrus smoking the salvia, which is legal in California, may prove to have consequences for her career, it's doing wonders for sales of the psychedelic herb, according to TMZ.

Sales of salvia have tripled since the video's release late last week, according to the website, which polled several Los Angeles head shops.

Costumers have been asking for "the stuff Miley was smoking," one shop worker says.

"Salvia is one of those things that you only try once because it is so intense."

METRO

Chris Rock handy in an emergency

One Chris Rock fan got quite the special treatment when her water broke at a New Jersey mall while the comic actor was close by, according to Us Weekly. Witnesses say Rock told jokes to keep the woman and bystanders calm until paramedics arrived.

"He was making the crowd and the woman in labour laugh," a source says. "She recognized who he was immediately, and he stayed there until the paramedics took her away." METRO

Did Handler ding Jolie at box office?

Angelina Jolie's new movie, The Tourist, opened to lower-than-expected box office receipts, and some industry sources suggest Chelsea Handler's recent anti-Jolie tirade may have something to do with it.

"It's not that Chelsea is the most powerful movie critic the world has ever known, it's that she reminded all of America what Angelina had done all over again," an unnamed executive tells Popeater.

"Chelsea picked an ugly scab off a wound that Angelina had worked so hard to heal with her humanitarian work.

"What woman in America is going to pay money to see Angelina ruin one man's life on screen when we all saw her [ruin Jennifer Aniston's marriage] for free in real life?" METRO

Pancakes are Bieber's true love: Gomez

Selena Gomez is batting off rumors that a recent breakfast date with Justin Bieber in Philadelphia was anything serious.

"It was pancakes. Who doesn't like pancakes?" she tells MTV News.

"We were both performing in the same place so we went and had pancakes together. That's all it is. All innocent."

The two were photographer leaving the breakfast spot walking arm-in-arm. METRO

Lohan's still not laughing at Paltrow's Glee joke

While Gwyneth Paltrow's guest spot on Glee may have aired a month ago, Lindsay Lohan is still reportedly smarting over the jokes Paltrow made on the show at the troubled starlet's expense, according to Radar Online.

"She called me and was upset and said, 'Why did [Gwyneth] have to do that?'" Lindsay's mom, Dina Lohan, tells the website.

"Gwyneth went overboard and it was unnecessary. Lindsay thought she was a friend and it was disappointing. It was hurtful and not funny." METRO

Cage starts paying off $14M in back taxes

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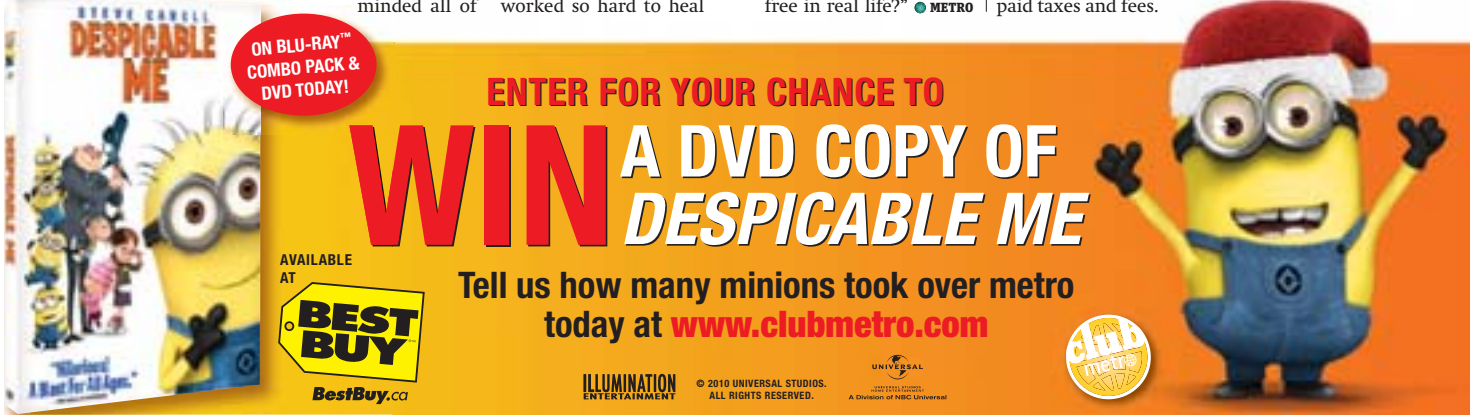
So far, the actor has paid back $360,545 of the back taxes he owes from 2002 to 2004, according to TMZ.

Nicolas Cage's finances are slowly on the road to recovery after he was hit last year with an IRS bill total close to $14 million in unpaid taxes and fees.

Cage had previously blamed his former business manager for getting him into so much trouble. METRO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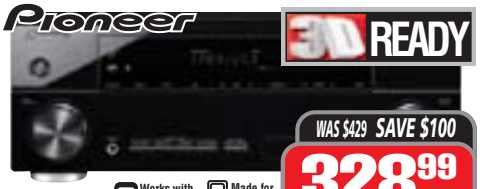

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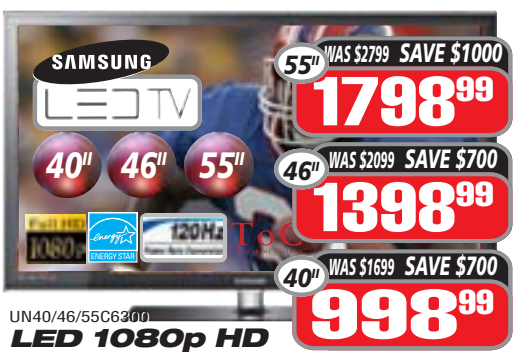

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Send holiday stress down the chimney

Clinical psychologist identifies reasons why Christmas season can cause headaches Study shows holiday linked to heart attacks

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As the Christmas carol goes, "You'd better not cry."

But if you feel like it, you wouldn't be alone.

Christmas and New Year's can be a stressful and even a sad time of year for some people. "The holidays are a time that can be very joyful, with celebrations, good food and time spent with family. But they can also be very stressful because of numerous demands placed on people," says Katy Kamkar, a clinical psychologist in Toronto.

Metro asked Kamkar, who is acting treatment head of the Work, Stress and Health Program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, to explain why the holidays can be a downer for some people.

• Social stress

Some people find the social obligations overwhelming and exhausting. Tensions can build at family gatherings.

• Negative connotations

If this is the time of year when a loved-one died or something upsetting happened, you may be feel sad or lonely.

• Financial pressure

The holidays are expensive. Knowing you're going deeper into debt makes you feel distressed.

• Travel tensions

Delays and bad weather can cause anxiety and worry.

• Perfectionism

Trying to make the perfect meal, get the perfect gift, and have the perfect home decor contributes to even more stress.

• Bad health

If you already suffer from stress, depression or anxiety, the holiday season can often add to those feelings.

• Anxiety

For some, going to crowded places like the mall can increase symptoms of stress.

• Addiction

People who are trying to abstain from alcohol or other addictions may have a harder time during the holidays.

• Overindulgence

People tend to neglect nutrition and exercise goals, which takes a physical toll.

Stress

Holidays a trigger for heart attacks?

Triggers Along with blizzards, earthquakes, job strain, violence, sexual activity, smoking, using cocaine and air pollution, this time of year has been identified as one of the clinical triggers of myocardial infarction, according to an August 2010 paper by Utah researchers, published in Hospital Practice

Stress

Common signs of stress, says Katy Kamkar, a clinical psychologist in Toronto, include irritability, difficulty concentrating, becoming more anxious or negative, headaches, stomach problems, difficulty sleeping and feeling overwhelmed. If this holiday season is stressing you out, take a step back and re-assess. Seek support if you have feelings of depression and anxiety. And giving tasks your full attention (even last-minute ones) will help you enjoy them more.

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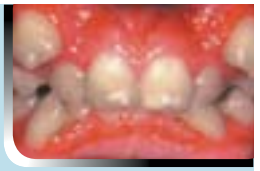

The Nordic super diet

Sweden is considered one of the world's healthiest nations, but you may be surprised by one food group they love.

Harley Pasternak, a personal trainer to celebrities including Lady Gaga, says Swedes swear by dairy because it's a great source of protein, vitamin C and D. Dairy is often considered a fattening option and yet "dairy also has high amounts of calcium, helping with fat metabolism."

Choose milk and yogurt that is two per cent fat.

The Swedish diet also consists of lots of heart-healthy fish, such as salmon and herring. They favour high-fibre, dark and dense breads and, instead of using two slices for a sandwich, they make open-faced versions using only one slice.

What makes their diet distinct?

"In Sweden they practice Lagom, which means 'just enough'" explains Pasternak. People will eat until their stomach is satisfied, not until they are full, an eating habit similar to that of the Japanese.

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Healthy options:

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Sweat and smile Swedish style

Scandinavians always seem to be happy, healthy and stylish. Their secret? Swedercise, a fitness routine designed to be fun and seriously tough at the same time

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Pounding the treadmill or lifting weights might get you a perfect body, but in Sweden, some folks work out to Jympa, Swedercise to keep slim and smiley.

The 60-minute workout follows an exercise curve, originally developed to the beat of Swedish pop music.

Designed by experts in medicine and physiology and led by ridiculously enthusiastic instructors to ensure optimum results, the class has you jumping, stretching, punching and doing push-ups to the rhythm of Beyoncé, ABBA, Rhianna and Britney.

"The point is to make exercise accessible and fun," explains Johan Wissinger, Swedercise instructor at Friskis & Svettis. He's why, two days after the class, I can still feel every muscle in my body reacting to the workout.

"It's not about gruelling calorie counting or mindless moves, but getting a fun, full body workout."

Calories may not matter to him, but — FYI — one hour can burn up to 600 calories.

Swedercise step by step

Warm up: Nothing tiring here, just 10 minutes spent getting your body prepared for the workout. The warm up is designed to increase your heart's capacity and avoid injuries later on.
The song: Kings of Leon, Sex on Fire, 150 beats per minute (bpm).

Flexibility: The focus is on slow, big movements to stretch out and soften the muscles.

The pace of the music here is slow and relaxing to allow you to stretch the muscles out completely.
The song: Beyoncé, If I Were a Boy, 40 bpm.

Strength: The strength training part is 100 per cent dynamic.

You're working out your arms, stomach, back, bottom and legs.
The song: Jay Z/Rihanna/Kanye West, Run this Town, 80 bpm.
Cardio: The aim is to maximise your oxygen uptake by focusing on the heart and lungs and applying pressure on joints and muscles. Look for lunges, spins, jumping and skipping.
The song: Britney Spears, Womanizer, 140 bpm.

Warm down: The aim is to lower your pulse and help your body rid itself of the lactic acid build-up caused by working out the muscles. The moves are large, calm and relaxing.
The song: Jason Mraz, Life is Beautiful, 100 bpm.

Stretching: Several exercises are carried out to give your muscles a static stretch (hands reaching out to the sky or head and neck rotations).
The song: Alexandra Burke, Hallelujah, 30 bpm.

Relaxation: This is the period of recovery where you can focus on your body and soul. Relaxing music will help you cool down and lower your body temperature. This part is a key element to the stress relief aspect of the programme.
The song: More of Hallelujah. And hallelujah, I survived.

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▶ Swedercise syncs strength training with pop music

Swedercise

The concept of Swedercise is to work your entire body in time to the beat of a song (Swedish or international pop).

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Odds are, if you're not inviting Tom Turkey to your holiday dinner table this year, you'll be tucking into a feast of ham.

Like the big bird, the typical Christmas version of ham (glazed, fruit accented and mildly salty) is surprisingly wine friendly.

This isn't a meal to pop the cork (or unscrew the cap) of a big-boned Cabernet sauvignon or shiraz. If you're leaning to the red side, pick a fresh, fruity French Beaujolais or berry-forward pinot noir from France, Canada or California.

Robert Mondavi's 2008 Private Selection Pinot Noir ($18.99 to $19.99) hails from The Golden State and nicely bridges the Old and New World by swirling a touch of syrah and petite syrah into the blend. The mix gives the wine a little more oomph to go along with its deep, freshly crushed berry flavours.

On the white side, try a German made with riesling or (if you like the idea of a touch of peppery goodness) gewürztraminer or an unoaked chardonnay from just about anywhere. For an out of the box pairing reach for a dry rosé.

Next week, I'll show you wines to match with some alternative holiday mains.

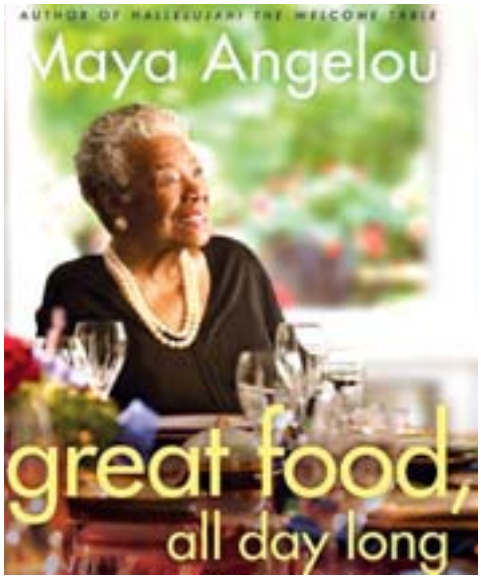
Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Kitchen creativity

Poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou applies her expressiveness to savoury dishes

For Maya Angelou, the holidays bring family and friends to the table to eat, to laugh and to one-up each other.

"This is a time when people get to 'show out,' as my grandmother used to say," says Angelou, a poet, memoirist and civil rights icon.



"Moe is going to try to out-cook Joe. It becomes amusing and delightful."

Angelou, whose second cookbook, Great Food, All Day Long (Random House, 2010), features holiday-worthy dishes such as crown roast and prime rib, helped a generation understand why caged birds sing. But how about making perfect veal chops?

"I'm a cook, a serious cook," she says. "I plan meals not only for their nutritional value but for their beauty. I plan them around who's going to eat them and when."

Which makes Angelou's cooking very much like her writing. The 82-year-old Pulitzer winner approaches the kitchen with the same respect for ingredients that she gives her words.

"You have to examine and be familiar with every element," she says. "So you should know a red pepper, what it will do in a skillet with a tablespoon of olive oil, how it will look. How if you give more heat what will happen to it."

Despite a fractured childhood shuttling between the families of her estranged parents, Angelou learned to cook much the way everyone wishes — at her grandmother's knee.

"She would say, 'Now sit down and watch me,'"

Angelou says. "I loved her so much that I followed her around."

When Angelou lived with her mother as a teenager, she watched again, learning shortcuts like making shortcake with store-bought cake mix, a luxury her grandmother in rural Arkansas didn't have.

"My grandmother didn't know anything about that," says Angelou. "I learned both ways."

Cooking can be a gateway to creativity of all kinds, Angelou says, if you pay careful attention to the craft.

"I ask folks to read poetry, to read it aloud, so they can hear the music, the melody of it," she says. "I would encourage a person who wants to cook to buy cookbooks."

Angelou estimates her own cookbook collection at somewhere around 300 volumes.

And at this time of year, she says, cooking for others takes on a deeper meaning. "When a person cooks for me, I like to think of the cooking itself as a gift," she says. "I'm always glad and really so grateful to anyone who cooks for me. And I love to cook for others."

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▶ This crown roast of pork is a perfect addition to any holiday table.

Crown Roast of Pork

Preparation:

1. Start to finish: 4 hours (1 hour active). Heat oven to 190 C (375 F).
2. In a large skillet over low, heat butter.
3. Add apples and prunes and saute for 3 minutes. Remove skillet from heat and set prunes aside in a separate dish. Let cool.
4. In a small bowl, mix together garlic, thyme, oregano, salt, pepper and olive oil to form a paste. Rub paste into meat.
5. Place meat in a shallow roasting pan and roast for 30 minutes.
6. Reduce oven temperature to 160 C (325 F) and roast for another 2 to 3 hours.
7. Remove roast from oven once internal temperature reads 63 C (145 F) on an instant thermometer. Place a prune on the end of each rib and return meat to oven for 20 minutes.
8. Remove meat from oven. To serve, transfer cooled apples into centre of the crown roast.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 3 apples, peeled, cored and cut into large dice
- 8 pitted prunes
- 5 ml (1 tsp) granulated garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried thyme
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried oregano
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) olive oil
- 3.5 kg (8 lbs) pork ribs (have butcher fashion into crown roast)

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Names: Brett, 27 Cindy, 35

Current city: Barrie, Ont.

Together since: 2007

Their story:

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"When I (Cindy) turned 30, I decided it was time to challenge myself...

I'd been teaching in the same school for seven years so I applied for an exchange in Australia.

The school year began with a staff meeting. One of my new teacher friends introduced me to everyone — including Brett.

"Cindy, this is Brett," she said. When I looked up, my heart started dancing.

When I left for Australia, my mom gave me just one rule: Don't fall in love with an Aussie! So I kind of avoided Brett. Then one day (nine months later!) he boasted that he was the best at Connect Four. I disagreed!

He invited me over for a Connect Four championship. That night, he beat me at four games. I lost the games, but won the boy! Sorry mom, I couldn't help it! Fast forward three years and we're splitting our time together between our two countries. We have 'we'll make it work' attitudes — and we will!"

▶ Brett and Cindy

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My husband and I are newly married and both just starting our careers. But we're being pressured by our parents to have kids. How do we (politely) tell them that's not in the cards right now?

Angela says...
This is one of the worst offences a parent can make in my book. Having children is a personal choice. The decision is between you and your partner.

In my pre-baby years, I fantasized about telling the parental units that we couldn't have kids due to medical reasons, hoping the guilt would keep them quiet. I never carried it out of course, but the thought did cross my mind during holiday meals when the not-so-subtle hints were being passed around along with the mashed turnips. If the badgering really bothers you, set boundaries. The only way to make them stop is to build up your nerve and speak up. Tell them you realize they want to be grandparents, but to please respect your space and remind them that they'll be the first to know when and if you and your husband are expecting.

Derek says...
You should resign yourself to the fact that the occasional annoying comment from a family member is unavoidable. Best if you come to terms with the fact that they will never stop asking until you squeeze out that first grandkid.

Even then, it won't end until you have at least two. And who can blame them? They aren't getting any younger; chances are their own careers and responsibilities are winding down, and they're looking for a new distraction. The best revenge would be to have four or more children so the giddy grandparents exhaust their savings, spoiling them with clothes and toys.

Plan to dump the brood off every weekend to terrorize said grandparents, so you and hubby can have alone time. Then they'll really regret hounding you.

Kids and money

Bringing up a millionaire

- ...Or, at least, a child that will not end up neck-deep in credit card debt
- It pays off to start teaching kids about money as early as kindergarten

DANIEL DENISIUK
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Currently, 93 per cent of parents with teenage kids in the developed world worry that their offspring will overspend, accumulate debt or simply fail to save up for emergencies.

What parents don't teach their kids

81% haven't taught their teens how to invest money.

80% don't involve kids in major spending decisions.

80% never worked out a back-to-school budget.

76% don't explain money management regularly.

71% never explained how credit card fees work.

71% never taught credit card management.

72% of kids who learn about saving money tend to save regularly.

Parents should teach their kids personal finance when they are young.
The crux of money management: Part of it is knowledge, part of it is habit. The best time to establish good habits in kids is during preschool. If we wait until high school, it will be harder to start a new habit, says Laura Levine, the executive director of Jump$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

4 years is old enough

Sharon Lechter of Pay Your Family First suggests to start teaching kids about finances at age four or five. Only then they will recognize the difference between a $5 and $20 bill. A good way to begin is with three piggy banks.

If they receive an allowance, it should be in denominations that encourage saving, easily split between three piggy banks. Introduce the subject of money but at the very basic level, like saving for the future and being careful with money. They will retain it for the rest of their lives, says Levine.

Wants and needs

Kids should realize the difference between things they need and things they want. If they want something twice more expensive because of the specific brand, let them pay for the difference in price. Or Neale S. Godfrey of Children's Financial Network recommends making them earn it.

Kids, teens and young adults know how to charge a purchase on a card. But do they know how to pay the bill?

Every second college student has more than four credit cards.

82% consider themselves "in bad financial health."

Average debt of a freshman in the last four years rose by **251%**

74% is by how much median debt of undergraduate students rose in the last four years.

$3,173 Average credit card debt of an undergraduate student in the U.S.

$939 Average credit card debt while entering university in the U.S.

SOURCES: MAKING THE CASE FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY– 2010, WWW.JUMPSTART.ORG; , CAPITAL ONE'S ANNUAL SURVEY;CHARLES SCHWAB'S 2008 "PARENTS & MONEY" AND 2009 YOUNG ADULTS & MONEY SURVEY; SALLIE MAE'S 2008 SURVEY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS.

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Protect yourself against fraud during the holidays

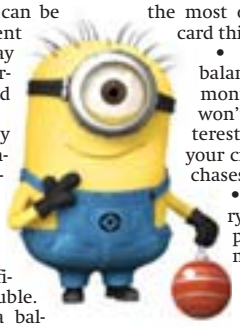
Do your debit and credit cards seem to spend more time out of your wallet than in it?

Be extra careful during the holidays, because fraudsters are watching.

When shopping, always protect your PIN and keep your card in sight to prevent "skimming"—when fraudsters swipe your card to record information from the magnetic strip.

Recognizing fraudulent behaviour is the best way to reduce the risk. To find out what to watch for, how to protect yourself and what to do when you detect fraud, visit moneytools.ca. NEWS CANADA

Make your credit card work for you



Credit cards can be a convenient and safe way to pay for purchases and services.

But they can also encourage buy-now, pay-later spending habits that may lead to financial trouble.

Carrying a balance on a credit card increases the cost of everything you purchase with the card, due to the amount of interest you pay.

You could also build up debt that might take you years to pay off, or damage your credit rating. However, if you pay off your balance every month, you can save those interest charges.

Here are a few tips from the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) that can help you make the most of your credit card this season.

- Pay off your balance every month so you won't pay any interest charges on your credit card purchases.
- If you do carry a balance, pay back as much as you can as quickly as possible.

You don't have to wait until the payment due date. The FCAC Credit Card Payment Calculator tool shows you how much you save when you pay more than the minimum monthly payment.

- Avoid using your credit card to withdraw cash or transfer money. Interest is charged on these transactions immediately.
- Stay within your budget when you use your card so you don't buy things you can't afford.

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Donate wisely this holiday season

The holidays are a traditional time of giving for many Canadians. If you are planning to make a donation to charity, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) would like to remind you to donate wisely.

Here are a few simple tips to make sure that your money is well spent.

Confirm that the organization is a Canadian registered charity.

If you would like an official donation receipt, remember that donations have to be made to Canadian registered charities or other qualified donees in order to claim a tax credit. To confirm that an organization is a Canadian registered charity, go to the CRA Charities Listings at www.cra.gc.ca/donors.

Watch for signs of fraud.

These could include inappropriate pressure to give immediately, promises of tax savings greater than your donation and individuals who ask you to write a cheque payable to them rather than the charity.

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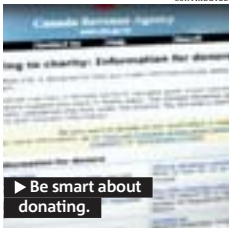

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Get involved in networking organizations.

Look for networking groups that have a broader membership than those in career transition: ExecuNet, which has chapters across the country, is a group that brings executives, recruiters and business leaders together for discussion in-person and online. Leadership organizations can also be great networking groups.

Use your alumni network.

The term "alumni" can apply to different groups: your college, high school, sorority/fraternity or people you worked with at a former employer. Mobilize them all.

Alumni associations can provide a wealth of contacts and resources for job hunters. Have you caught up with a college roommate lately?

Use LinkedIn or Facebook to find out how they are and where they're working. You could find a potential advocate for a target employer. If not, you've at least reconnected with an old friend.

Volunteer your expertise.

Using your knowledge in a field to help others can benefit you in your job search. Employers want to hire people who are highly regarded in their fields. Volunteering provides the opportunity to build a reputation in an industry while making contacts.

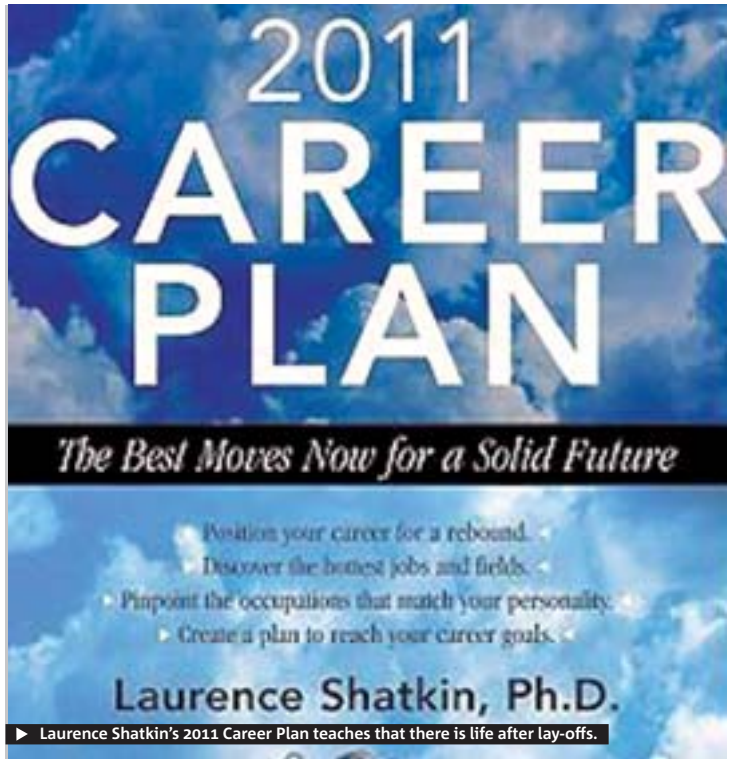
Be curious wherever you go.

As you're networking or just running errands, be aware of what's going on around you and ask questions. Curiosity usually leads to discovery.

That can mean meeting someone who will lead you to a potential job. If you're shy about touting yourself, asking people about their jobs, careers or interests can be a way to expand your network in new and surprising ways.

Remember, it's a small world.

With so many people in so many industries displaced in the recession, it's highly likely you will know people as potential employers. Previous work experience with someone on the inside can be a major advantage. METRO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Jobs in aircraft engineering to soar

The federal government is lending $300 million to aircraft engine and parts maker Pratt & Whitney Canada as the company boosts its research and development with a $1-billion investment.

Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday the government believes the project could "create and maintain" more than 700 jobs during the project work phase and more than 2,000 jobs during the 15-year benefits phase.

The company said it is currently looking to add 200 new engineers to the 1,500 it employs in Canada.

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Industry Minister Tony Clement

"(This) investment... will help this company make the technological improvements across its entire line of aircraft engines," Clement said at a press conference in Mississauga, Ont.

"The associated research and development... will lead to lighter engines that generate more power that have better fuel consumption and improved durability."

John Saabas, president of Pratt & Whitney Canada, said the investment will help to develop the next generation of high-performance aircraft engines and position the company for long-term growth.

"This major investment will enable us to sustain our engineering centres of excellence in Ontario and Quebec and reinforce our position as a leader in the global aerospace industry," he said.

The $300-million loan is made through the Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative (SADI), which supports industrial research and pre-competitive development projects in the aerospace, defence, space and security industries.

"SADI contributes to technologies that focus on the next generation of services, it helps spur innovation in the Canadian aerospace industry, ensuring that Canadian companies continue to compete with other world leaders in the field," Clement said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- Four-year-old Daniela Smith likes Cinderella, soccer and Italian fashion label Prada — yes, Prada
- The schoolgirl takes over our fashion editor's job to pick and review the spring/summer '11 collections

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Bright yellow jumpsuits, crazy orange wigs, tops with images of cheeky monkeys, and some oversized flowers... You'd be forgiven for thinking that some of the dominant looks from spring/summer '11 could have sprung out of a kids' cartoon. It's no wonder that our resident four-year-old critic had such strong opinions about them all.

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Marc Jacobs

"I like the flower in her hair—it's very nice. And I like the red flower on her belt. I would wear this outfit to school. I think my teacher Mrs. Turner would think this outfit is very pretty. My classmates would too."

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"It looks like she has dressed up for a movie. She looks like she could be one of the wicked sisters in Cinderella. I don't like her hair. I think her shirt would look better with elephants and horsies instead of monkeys. But I like stripes on her skirt. I would wear this outfit to play. But I would wear the whole outfit to the theater."

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Max Mara

"Yellow looks very nice on her. I'd wear this inside the house and watch my favourite movie like The Lion King. It would also look nice to play soccer in. I'm a fan of [English soccer team] Arsenal and I'd wear this to one of their games. And her shiny heeled shoes are really fun. I can't wait until I start wearing heels!"

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Junya Watanabe

"I'd wear this to school and my classmates would probably say, 'This looks really silly.' And then I probably wouldn't wear it to school again. This lady looks like she's going to the opera, where she's going to talk to everybody. She looks talkative even though her mouth is covered. I like how the face mask shows her hair more. I like coloured hair."

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Ralph Lauren

"This is a good outfit to wear to feed the horsies. I think she has ponies and horsies and rabbits. Her trousers look nice. And her jacket does too. I think she carries a lot of things inside her bag like a telephone, hand cream, pen, paper and a pistol. She has a pistol and a magic wand because she's got special powers."

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Sports in brief

1 Hideki Matsui and the Oakland Athletics worked yesterday to finalize a contract.

2 Seahawks wide receiver Deon Butler will be placed on injured reserve after suffering a broken right leg.

3 Stuart Appleby was voted the PGA Tour comeback player of the year.

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Favre's streak is at an end

After starting 297 games in a row, quarterback was unable to answer the bell last night One-day delay was not enough time to get healthy

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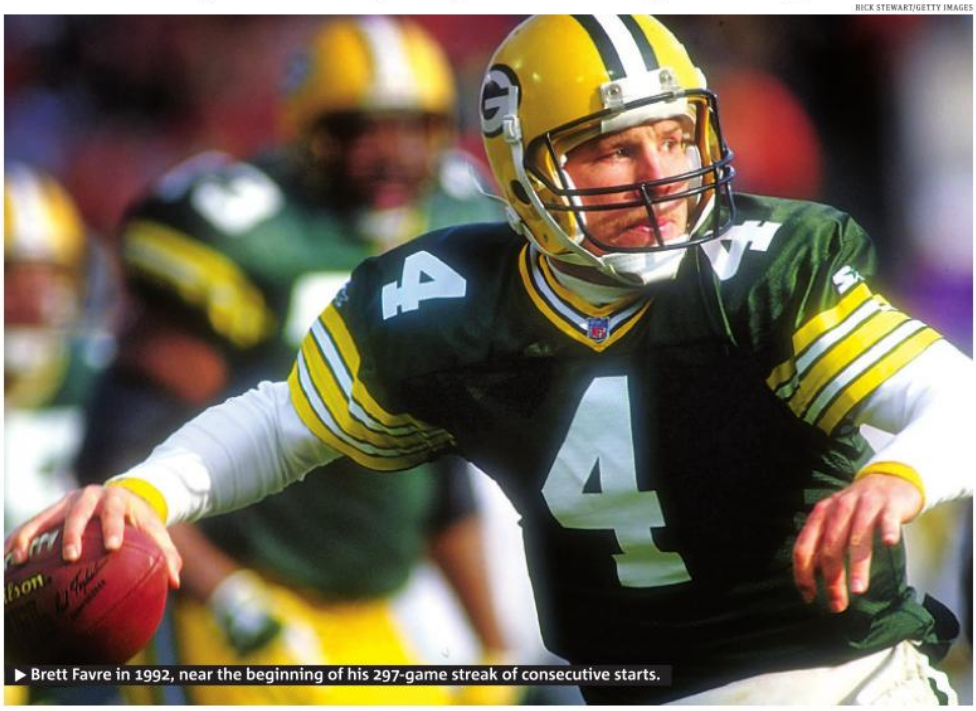

▶ Brett Favre in 1992, near the beginning of his 297-game streak of consecutive starts.

No more, Brett.

After 297 consecutive starts over 19 seasons, one of the greatest individual streaks in all of sports, Brett Favre ran into an injury he couldn't beat and sat down.

The 41-year-old Vikings quarterback who fought through broken bones, aches, pains and personal grief to play week after week, couldn't make it for the Minnesota Vikings last night. Favre was sidelined by a throwing shoulder too damaged for even him to overcome.

Jeff Anderson, a Vikings spokesman, announced to the public on Twitter that Favre was out: "Vikings Inactives — 12, 19, 25, 31, 76, 90, 91 ... and 4. The streak ends ..."

205
Consecutive starts by Peyton Manning, the new longest active streak. The Colts QB would need another 5½ years to surpass Brett Favre.

The Vikings hoped Favre, who has started despite a broken foot and elbow tendinitis this season, could do it again when the game against the New York Giants was delayed from Sunday after the Metrodome roof collapsed. That forced the game to be moved to Detroit's Ford Field, but it was not enough time for Favre to get healthy enough to play.

Leslie Frazier, Minnesota's interim coach, said the plan was for Favre to go through a pre-game throwing routine to try to determine if he could play, but the three-time MVP wasn't on the field about 90 minutes before kickoff, and the Vikings announced moments later he was inactive.

Favre finally came out about 35 minutes before the scheduled kickoff, wearing a T-shirt and warmup pants. He hugged a teammate while receiving a few cheers from the crowd, then stood at the 15-yard line and chatted with Tarvaris Jackson, the new Minnesota starter.

Favre was injured when the Bills' Arthur Moats hit him square in the back and sent him to the turf on the third play from scrimmage last weekend.

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Calderon not ready to return

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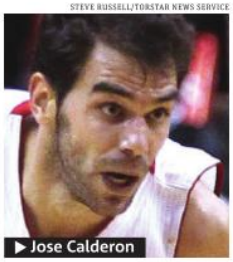

▶ Jose Calderon

Raptors point guard Jose Calderon did not travel with the team for its game in Charlotte tonight because of nagging pain in his left foot and he's not entirely sure how it came to be.

"No idea at all," Calderon said after the Raptors worked out at the Air Canada Centre yesterday. "Everything was good after the (Dec. 8 Knicks) game and I woke up in the morning and feel a little bit of something there, it was sore, and that's how we found out. So I don't know what I did.

"But it's nothing big, nothing important, it's just gong to be day-to-day so, hopefully, in a couple of days all the swelling goes down and I can go out there. But we don't want to go too much."

Calderon got some work in Sunday and tried to take part in yesterday's practice but felt a little pain. He did some conditioning work and hopes to be back in the lineup either Wednesday against Chicago or Friday against New Jersey.

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Coach gives Phaneuf a boo preview

Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson had an unusual way of getting his captain prepped for the team's swing through Western Canada. He gave Dion Phaneuf a vocal preview of what he should expect when the team stops at Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver this week.

"I was booing Dion today because I think he's going to hear it in all three places," said Wilson, his tongue firmly in cheek, after yesterday's practice.

Phaneuf was born in Edmonton and acquired from Calgary in January after he had been a fixture on the Flames' blue-line for four and a half seasons. His return to both cities has added subtext to the Leafs games there, piquing curiosity about how he might be received.

"I think he'll be cheered by (most) people, but it's like Toronto. If 500 people boo, you guys (reporters) write that 18,000 booed ... most people don't want to boo and it's always a small amount of people that do and a little bit of booing sounds like everybody is booing," said Wilson.

"Hopefully, it doesn't happen. He gave a lot of great years to Calgary and I think the fans appreciate what he's done."

Phaneuf said he has no idea how he will be welcomed, noting again that it wasn't his idea to leave Calgary and he loved his time there.

But if Wilson is right, and the crowd gets on him, Phaneuf said it won't bother him.

"It's just part of the game. I'm on the other team now; that's the bottom line," he said. "Whether they do or they don't, it's going to be an exciting night."

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Tonight's game

The Leafs face off against the Oilers at 9 p.m.

- The Oilers are coming off a 2-1 loss to Vancouver on Sunday in which they had just 12 shots and, as coach Tom Renney put it, "We had too many passengers."
- The Leafs and Oilers are the NHL's youngest teams.
- Edmonton cruised to a 5-0 win two weeks ago in Toronto, and is 6-3-0-1 in its last 10 games.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE STATISTICS

FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Not including yesterday's games

ANAHEIM

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Perry	33	16	19	35	7	47
Getzlaf	33	10	22	32	4	18
Selanne	26	10	18	28	-1	14
Ryan	33	14	12	26	13	39
Visnovsky	32	4	21	25	2	12
Koivu	32	10	6	16	-5	24
Fowler	27	3	12	15	-7	8
Lydman	29	2	9	11	18	12
Blake	32	5	5	10	-5	12
Parros	32	3	1	4	-1	66
Sexton	15	2	2	4	-6	2
Marchant	32	0	4	4	-8	8
Mara	31	1	1	2	-1	38
McMillan	11	1	1	2	-2	0
Chipchura	19	0	2	2	-1	12
Lilja	19	0	2	2	-3	10
Beleskey	13	0	2	2	-7	4
Lupul	5	1	0	1	-2	2
Sutton	11	0	1	1	-5	22
Bonino	20	0	0	0	-2	4
Sbisa	19	0	0	0	-9	13
Brookbank	19	0	0	0	-6	38
Voros	11	0	0	0	-4	43
Green	11	0	0	0	-2	6
Hiller	28	0	0	0	0	0
McElhinney	8	0	0	0	0	0

ATLANTA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Byfuglien	30	10	20	30	3	35
Ladd	30	10	19	29	-2	10
Enstrom	30	3	19	22	0	12
Peverley	30	7	12	19	-6	22
Bergfors	26	7	11	18	1	2
Kane	28	9	8	17	-4	35
Stewart	30	8	8	16	2	14
Antropov	29	7	8	15	-10	16
Little	24	7	6	13	8	6
Burmistrov	30	5	8	13	3	23
Oduya	30	2	9	11	-5	8
Eager	29	3	5	8	6	44
Slater	25	4	3	7	-1	13
Thorburn	30	4	2	6	3	29
Modin	16	4	2	6	-7	0
Bogosian	24	2	3	5	-5	19
Sopel	29	1	3	4	7	8
Boulton	24	1	2	3	6	17
Hainsey	30	0	2	2	2	6
Dawes	6	0	0	0	-6	0
Meyer	6	0	0	0	-3	4
Welch	2	0	0	0	-1	0
Stapleton	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pavelec	19	0	0	0	0	0
Mason	14	0	0	0	0	2
Mannino	1	0	0	0	0	0

BOSTON

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Lucic	28	15	11	26	15	28
Horton	28	11	12	23	17	27
Krejci	21	4	16	20	10	6
Ryder	28	8	10	18	-2	6
Recchi	28	6	12	18	3	11
Bergeron	28	5	10	15	6	10
Chara	28	4	9	13	15	27
Marchand	28	4	7	11	7	14
Wheeler	28	6	4	10	-1	14
Seguin	27	5	5	10	1	8
Seidenberg	28	1	8	9	3	17
Campbell	28	3	4	7	4	37
Caron	20	3	4	7	4	6
Thornton	28	5	1	6	3	55
Boychuk	18	0	5	5	9	10
Ference	28	0	4	4	15	23
Stuart	26	0	2	2	3	23
McQuaid	16	0	1	1	1	26
Paille	10	0	1	1	-2	2
Savard	5	0	1	1	-3	0
Kampfer	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arniel	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Thomas	20	0	2	2	0	2
Rask	9	0	0	0	0	0

BUFFALO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Roy	30	9	20	29	1	14
Vanek	30	13	12	25	-8	12
Leopold	30	7	10	17	0	14
Ennis	30	7	8	15	3	10
Connolly	22	5	8	13	-9	8
Montador	30	3	8	11	13	53
Myers	30	5	5	10	-6	12
Stafford	15	5	5	10	0	10
McCormick	29	4	5	9	3	73
Pominville	21	4	5	9	-8	7
Gaustad	30	3	6	9	3	45
Grier	30	2	7	9	1	6
Hecht	30	3	4	7	-4	12
Sekera	29	1	6	7	1	10
Kaleta	29	3	3	6	0	46
Niedermayer	21	0	6	6	-2	10
Gerbe	20	0	5	5	2	8
Butler	17	0	3	3	-1	8
Adam	10	1	1	2	-3	8
Morrisonn	21	0	2	2	-10	12
Rivet	14	0	1	1	-6	10
Mancari	3	0	1	1	-1	0
Weber	10	0	0	0	-1	20
Ellis	6	0	0	0	-1	0
Stuart	3	0	0	0	1	2
Miller	21	0	0	0	0	0
Enroth	5	0	0	0	0	0
Lalime	5	0	0	0	0	0

CALGARY

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Iginla	30	12	15	27	-2	21
Tanguay	30	8	15	23	4	12
Bourque	28	12	10	22	-7	18
Morrison	30	4	13	17	2	8
Giordano	30	3	13	16	3	40
Stajan	25	1	15	16	5	10
Hagman	30	7	6	13	-8	18
Glencross	29	7	5	12	1	40
Jokinen	27	4	8	12	-6	28
Bouwmeester	30	3	8	11	7	22
Babchuk	30	4	6	10	-5	18
Backlund	29	3	3	6	3	10
Moss	17	3	3	6	2	8
Sarich	24	1	5	6	5	27
Jackman	30	3	2	5	-5	59
Kostopoulos	30	2	3	5	-4	41
Regehr	29	0	3	3	3	20
Conroy	17	2	0	2	-1	8
Staios	15	1	1	2	-1	20
Mikkelson	20	0	2	2	-6	7
Meyer	16	0	2	2	0	17
Pardy	5	0	1	1	-1	4
Sutter	4	0	1	1	-1	5
Kotalik	4	0	0	0	0	2
Brodie	3	0	0	0	-3	2
Ivanans	1	0	0	0	-1	5
Kiprusoff	25	0	0	0	0	0
Karlsson	6	0	0	0	0	0

CAROLINA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Staal	28	12	16	28	-5	22
Jokinen	28	5	16	21	-4	10
Skinner	28	8	12	20	-5	4
Ruutu	28	5	12	17	-10	24
Pitkanen	26	2	13	15	4	24
LaRose	28	6	6	12	-6	18
Sutter	28	6	5	11	8	6
Cole	28	5	6	11	4	8
Corvo	28	5	6	11	-4	8
Samsonov	24	5	6	11	2	8
White	26	2	7	9	-14	10
Dwyer	28	5	3	8	1	6
Gleason	28	2	4	6	-4	24
McBain	28	0	6	6	4	14
Carter	26	1	4	5	-5	22
Sutter	28	6	5	11	8	6
Cole	28	5	6	11	4	8
Corvo	28	5	6	11	-4	8
Samsonov	24	5	6	11	2	8
White	26	2	7	9	-14	10
Dwyer	28	5	3	8	1	6
Gleason	28	2	4	6	-4	24
McBain	28	0	6	6	4	14
Carter	26	1	4	5	-5	22
Harrison	28	0	3	3	-3	29
Matsumoto	10	2	0	2	-1	4
Bodie	18	0	2	2	-4	14
Dalpe	7	0	1	1	0	0
Bowman	8	0	0	0	1	6
Carson	3	0	0	0	2	2
Ward	24	0	0	0	0	0
Peters	6	0	0	0	0	0

CHICAGO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Sharp	30	17	13	30	-5	8
Kane	28	11	16	27	-4	12
Toews	31	13	13	26	4	10
Keith	31	2	17	19	-7	10
Hossa	21	8	10	18	4	14
Seabrook	31	3	14	17	-1	16
Kopecky	30	3	13	16	-6	30
Brouwer	31	6	9	15	-1	14
Bickell	28	6	7	13	0	15
Stalberg	30	6	6	12	-3	16
Dowell	31	4	7	11	7	38
Skille	30	3	7	10	2	23
Bolland	25	3	6	9	1	20
Campbell	18	1	7	8	11	2
Pisani	25	4	3	7	-2	8
Boynton	29	3	3	6	6	17
Cullimore	25	0	4	4	6	4
Hjalmarsson	29	1	1	2	-3	19
Morin	7	1	1	2	3	7
Hendry	12	1	0	1	-1	0
Leddy	6	1	0	1	-1	0
Scott	22	0	1	1	-1	28
Smith	3	0	0	0	-2	0
Potulny	2	0	0	0	-1	0
Brophey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pirri	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Klinkhammer	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Crawford	13	0	0	0	0	0
Turco	19	0	0	0	0	6

COLORADO

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Hejduk	28	11	20	31	-5	6
Stastny	29	12	16	28	-3	24
Duchene	29	9	18	27	7	21
Liles	29	5	21	26	12	23
Stewart	23	11	14	25	-2	36
Jones	26	11	6	17	5	4
Shattenkirk	18	5	11	16	1	8
Fleischmann	28	5	9	14	3	12
Yip	26	6	5	11	-2	25
Winnik	29	5	6	11	3	14
Mauldin	15	4	4	8	7	2
O'Reilly	29	2	6	8	3	2
Porter	23	5	2	7	9	12
Dupuis	27	3	3	6	3	15
Galiardi	14	3	3	6	2	8
Wilson	20	1	5	6	5	11
Cumiskey	11	1	4	5	0	8
McLeod	29	2	2	4	-3	99
Hunwick	28	1	3	4	0	9
Foote	17	0	3	3	6	13
Gulik	5	1	1	2	3	2
O'Byrne	18	0	2	2	7	19
Holos	12	0	2	2	3	2
Olver	4	0	2	2	1	2
Liffiton	4	1	0	1	3	17
Quincey	21	0	1	1	-5	18
Koci	2	0	0	0	-1	0
Budaj	17	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	13	0	0	0	0	2

COLUMBUS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Nash	27	16	8	24	-1	10
Umberger	28	8	12	20	7	26
Brassard	28	5	10	15	-4	12
Voracek	28	5	12	17	-3	6
Vermette	28	8	7	15	7	20
Williams	26	5	7	12	4	17
Brown	23	0	10	10	13	12
Stoll	19	4	5	9	2	10
Smyth	27	8	8	16	6	23
Johnson	27	1	15	16	-8	18
Simmonds	27	4	4	8	-3	38
Handzus	27	4	4	8	-2	10
Doughty	21	1	6	7	6	26
Richardson	26	4	2	6	-7	12
Scuderi	27	0	6	6	9	8
Mitchell	13	1	4	5	7	5
Drewiske	24	0	5	5	-2	13
Ponikarovsky	15	2	2	4	2	10
Harrold	13	1	3	4	1	4
Parse	5	1	3	4	5	0
Martinez	7	2	1	3	0	4
Clifford	23	1	1	2	-9	31
Loktionov	7	1	1	2	-1	2
Lewis	17	0	2	2	-5	0
Schenn	8	0	2	2	-1	0
Westgarth	22	0	1	1	-6	37
Muzzin	11	0	1	1	-2	0
Greene	21	0	0	0	-4	34
King	6	0	0	0	-2	2
Zeiler	3	0	0	0	-1	0
Moller	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Quick	20	0	0	0	0	0
Bernier	7	0	0	0	0	0

DETROIT

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Datsyuk	28	11	25	36	10	11
Zetterberg	28	10	19	29	9	12
Franzen	27	13	9	22	1	14
Lidstrom	28	4	18	22	5	8
Kassian	28	13	7	20	4	6
Gillies	3	0	0	0	0	0
Peters	2	0	0	0	0	2
Backstrom	20	0	0	0	0	0
Theodore	10	0	0	0	0	0

EDMONTON

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Whitney	29	0	21	21	7	31
Penner	29	9	10	19	-6	29
Eberle	29	6	13	19	-3	4
Gagner	29	8	10	18	-2	17
Hemsky	21	7	11	18	5	4
Hall	29	10	6	16	-4	6
Horcoff	24	7	8	15	4	14
Paajarvi	28	3	9	12	1	8
Gilbert	29	5	6	11	-7	20
Foster	28	3	8	11	-6	18
Jones	29	7	3	10	-3	13
Cogliano	29	3	5	8	-12	27
Brule	28	4	2	6	-8	27
Peckham	26	1	4	5	0	64
Vandermeer	24	1	4	5	3	16
Fraser	29	2	1	3	1	47
Smid	25	0	3	3	-4	25
Stortini	19	0	2	2	0	36
O'Marra	2	0	1	1	-1	0
Omark	2	0	1	1	-1	0
Jacques	12	0	0	0	-1	6
Strudwick	11	0	0	0	-9	7
MacIntyre	7	0	0	0	0	22
Belle	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Khabibulin	19	0	0	0	0	0
Gerber	2	0	1	1	0	0
Dubnyk	10	0	0	0	0	0

FLORIDA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Booth	28	7	9	16	-3	12
Frolik	27	6	10	16	6	6
Weiss	27	7	8	15	-2	20
McCabe	28	2	11	13	-5	24
Wideman	28	2	11	13	-8	17
Santorelli	28	8	4	12	-5	6
Reasoner	28	4	7	11	4	6
Dvorak	25	5	5	10	1	8
Reinprecht	23	4	5	9	-2	6
Bernier	20	4	5	9	-3	8
Olesz	17	2	7	9	0	2
Matthias	26	4	4	8	2	2
Stillman	20	3	5	8	4	10
Higgins	23	3	3	6	0	4
Allen	19	2	4	6	2	19
Kulikov	28	1	5	6	5	6
Weaver	28	1	4	5	-3	10
Ellerby	16	0	4	4	5	6
Garrison	19	1	2	3	-3	2
Thomas	7	1	2	3	2	2
Hordichuk	21	1	1	2	2	26
Repik	8	1	1	2	-4	4
Dadonov	3	0	1	1	1	0
McArdle	5	0	0	0	0	11
Callahan	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vokoun	23	0	0	0	0	0
Clemmensen	7	0	0	0	0	0

LOS ANGELES

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Kopitar	27	11	16	27	5	6
Williams	27	10	16	26	7	15
Brown	27	10	9	19	10	33
Stoll	27	8	10	18	7	12
Smyth	27	8	8	16	6	23
Johnson	27	1	15	16	-8	18
Simmonds	27	4	4	8	-3	38
Handzus	27	4	4	8	-2	10
Doughty	21	1	6	7	6	26
Richardson	26	4	2	6	-7	12
Scuderi	27	0	6	6	9	8
Mitchell	13	1	4	5	7	5
Drewiske	24	0	5	5	-2	13
Ponikarovsky	15	2	2	4	2	10
Harrold	13	1	3	4	1	4
Parse	5	1	3	4	5	0
Martinez	7	2	1	3	0	4
Clifford	23	1	1	2	-9	31
Loktionov	7	1	1	2	-1	2
Lewis	17	0	2	2	-5	0
Schenn	8	0	2	2	-1	0
Westgarth	22	0	1	1	-6	37
Muzzin	11	0	1	1	-2	0
Greene	21	0	0	0	-4	34
King	6	0	0	0	-2	2
Zeiler	3	0	0	0	-1	0
Moller	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Quick	20	0	0	0	0	0
Bernier	7	0	0	0	0	0

MINNESOTA

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Havlat	29	7	20	27	1	14
Koivu	29	6	19	25	4	26
Cullen	27	6	13	19	-2	12
Burns	27	9	8	17	-4	39
Zidlicky	23	4	12	16	-2	20
Miettinen	24	7	8	15	-5	14
Brunette	29	6	8	14	-6	4
Clutterbuck	29	8	3	11	-4	22
Schultz	29	2	6	8	-4	24
Brodziak	29	4	3	7	3	17
Madden	27	4	3	7	-12	2
Latendresse	8	3	3	6	2	8
O'Sullivan	19	2	3	5	1	2
Bouchard	6	1	3	4	-1	0
Barker	25	0	4	4	-8	10
Nystrom	29	1	2	3	-7	22
Kobasew	15	2	0	2	-6	6
Falk	18	0	2	2	-1	6
Stoner	11	0	2	2	0	12
Zanon	29	0	1	1	-3	16
Staubitz	27	0	1	1	-3	45
Wellman	12	0	1	1	-1	4
Scandella	5	0	1	1	-2	2
Spurgeon	7	0	0	0	1	2
Earl	6	0	0	0	-3	0
Almond	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Kassian	4	0	0	0	-1	12
Gillies	3	0	0	0	0	0
Peters	2	0	0	0	0	2
Backstrom	20	0	0	0	0	0
Theodore	10	0	0	0	0	0

MONTREAL

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Plekanec	29	9	17	26	7	24
Cammalleri	29	10	11	21	5	20
Kostitsyn	30	9	11	20	9	12
Gionta	30	9	9	18	3	6
Pouliot	30	7	9	16	7	14
Halpern	30	6	10	16	11	19
Hamrlik	28	3	12	15	9	28
Darche	24	5	5	10	8	6
Gomez	28	4	5	9	-2	6
Spacek	30	1	8	9	6	20
Subban	27	1	8	9	2	29
Lapierre	30	4	3	7	-4	59
Gorges	30	1	6	7	-2	16
Moen	30	3	3	6	2	49
Eller	29	2	4	6	1	18
Picard	22	1	2	3	8	4
Markov	7	1	2	3	2	4
Pyatt	28	1	1	2	-4	2
Gill	30	0	2	2	-4	17
Weber	6	0	2	2	3	0
Boyd	10	1	0	1	-6	2
Price	27	0	1	1	0	0
Auld	3	0	0	0	0	0

NASHVILLE

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
O'Reilly	28	6	12	18	5	2
Sullivan	28	8	8	16	4	20
Hornqvist	28	6	7	13	-4	14
Goc	22	6	7	13	9	2
Erat	21	3	10	13	7	4
Wilson	28	6	6	12	3	2
Weber	28	5	6	11	-6	26
Franson	28	4	6	10	4	12
Dumont	28	4	5	9	5	12
Tootoo	26	3	6	9	3	43
Kostitsyn	24	3	6	9	0	6
Klein	27	2	7	9	7	13
Bouillon	27	1	8	9	2	18
Ward	28	3	5	8	-5	16
Legwand	18	2	6	8	-3	8
Suter	17	1	7	8	5	14
Smithson	28	2	3	5	-10	32
O'Brien	28	2	2	4	-6	22
Spaling	21	0	1	1	-7	6
Sulzer	12	0	0	0	-3	4
Belak	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Lombardi	2	0	0	0	-1	0
Laakso	1	0	0	0	0	0
Klasen	1	0	0	0	-1	0
Rinne	19	0	0	0	0	6
Lindback	12	0	0	0	0	0

NEW JERSEY

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Elias	28	6	13	19	-7	2
Arnott	29	9	6	15	-8	16
Kovalchuk	28	5	9	14	-18	13
Zajac	29	3	10	13	-5	10
Zubrus	29	4	8	12	-12	22
Langenbrunner	21	3	8	11	-12	10
Greene	29	2	8	10	-19	8
Clarkson	29	4	3	7	-13	67
Tedenby	14	3	4	7	0	6
Parise	12	3	3	6	-1	6
Taormina	17	3	2	5	-2	2
Vasyunov	17	1	4	5	0	0
Rolston	15	2	2	4	-3	4
Tallinder	29	1	3	4	-16	14
Corrente	15	0	4	4	-2	37
Mair	26	1	0	1	-9	23
Mills	4	1	0	1	1	5
Pelley	29	0	1	1	-9	19
White	28	0	1	1	-4	28
Magnan	18	0	0	0	-4	4
Volchenkov	17	0	0	0	0	10
Gionta	12	0	0	0	-3	6
Fayne	9	0	0	0	-5	2
Sestito	9	0	0	0	-1	0
Urbom	7	0	0	0	-3	0
Josefson	6	0	0	0	-2	2
Eckford	4	0	0	0	-1	0
Fraser	4	0	0	0	0	9
Letourneau-Leblond	2	0	0	0	-2	21
Hedberg	13	0	0	0	0	2
Brodeur	19	0	1	1	0	0
McKenna	2	0	0	0	0	0

N.Y. ISLANDERS

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Moulson	27	10	6	16	-13	4
Comeau	27	5	10	15	-9	14
Okposo	27	4	11	15	-5	16
Wisniewski	25	2	13	15	-20	16
Tavares	24	8	6	14	-19	17
Parenteau	26	4	10	14	-8	12
Grabner	23	6	3	9	-3	2
Schremp	13	5	4	9	-1	6
Weight	18	2	7	9	-3	10
Bailey	18	3	3	6	-5	12
Martinek	26	1	4	5	-1	7
Konopka	27	1	3	4	-5	107
Hunter	17	1	3	4	-3	23
Jurcina	10	2	1	3	-1	4
Mottau	20	0	3	3	-12	8
Martin	19	2	0	2	-9	28
Sim	21	1	1	2	-5	16
Niederreiter	9	1	1	2	-1	8
Hillen	15	0	2	2	-7	12
Gervais	14	0	2	2	-5	19
Hamonic	7	0	2	2	0	6
Joensuu	9	1	0	1	-1	23

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	31	21	8	2	0	101	71	44	10-5-1-0	11-3-1-0	10-0-0-0	W12
d-Washington	32	18	11	1	2	98	92	39	12-4-0-2	6-7-1-0	4-5-0-1	L6
d-Montreal	30	18	10	2	0	78	61	38	11-4-2-0	7-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Philadelphia	31	19	7	2	3	105	76	43	10-5-0-2	9-2-2-1	6-1-0-3	W2
NY Rangers	32	18	13	1	0	96	93	37	7-8-1-0	11-5-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Boston	28	16	8	1	3	81	56	36	7-5-1-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	30	16	10	2	2	94	106	36	7-2-1-1	9-8-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Atlanta	30	16	11	1	2	95	88	35	9-6-0-1	7-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W1
Carolina	28	12	12	0	4	78	87	28	6-5-0-1	6-7-0-3	3-3-0-4	W1
Buffalo	30	12	14	4	0	78	84	28	6-9-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	31	13	16	1	1	68	92	28	8-8-0-1	5-8-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Florida	28	13	15	0	0	71	72	26	6-5-0-0	7-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Toronto	29	11	14	2	2	65	86	26	8-6-2-1	3-8-0-1	4-5-1-0	W1
New Jersey	29	8	19	1	1	53	88	18	4-7-1-1	4-12-0-0	3-7-0-0	L5
NY Islanders	27	5	17	3	2	59	93	15	3-7-1-1	2-10-2-1	1-7-2-0	L5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	28	19	6	2	1	96	73	41	11-3-1-1	8-3-1-0	6-3-1-0	W2
d-Vancouver	28	16	8	2	2	91	74	36	9-3-1-1	7-5-1-1	6-3-1-0	W1
d-Dallas	29	17	10	0	2	83	80	36	11-3-0-1	6-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
Anaheim	33	16	13	2	2	87	98	36	11-6-0-1	5-7-2-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Chicago	31	16	12	2	1	96	89	35	8-8-0-0	8-4-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
Phoenix	28	14	8	4	2	81	77	34	6-4-2-2	8-4-2-0	6-3-0-1	W1
Nashville	28	14	8	4	2	71	70	34	6-1-3-2	8-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	W2
Colorado	29	15	10	4	0	101	90	34	7-4-1-0	8-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	W2
San Jose	29	15	10	4	0	88	84	34	8-4-2-0	7-6-2-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Los Angeles	27	16	10	1	0	73	65	33	11-2-1-0	5-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Columbus	28	16	11	0	1	74	76	33	8-7-0-1	8-4-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
St. Louis	28	14	9	2	3	72	75	33	9-2-0-2	5-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	29	13	12	1	3	71	86	30	7-6-0-2	6-6-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Edmonton	29	11	13	1	4	77	101	27	5-7-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
Calgary	30	12	15	1	2	81	89	27	7-6-0-0	5-9-1-2	4-4-0-2	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Los Angeles at Detroit
Atlanta at Ottawa
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville
Chicago at Colorado
Columbus at Calgary
Dallas at San Jose
Sunday's results
Vancouver 2 Edmonton 1
Anaheim 6 Minnesota 2
N.Y. Rangers 7 Washington 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

LATE SUNDAY

CANUCKS 2, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 5 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin) 6:12
Missed penalty shot — Paajarvi Edm, 7:13.
Penalties — None.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, H.Sedin 5 (D.Sedin, Kesler) 6:37
Penalties — Gagner Edm (holding) 4:33, Kesler Vcr (hooking) 14:14, D.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 17:27.
Third Period
3. Edmonton, Eberle 6 (Penner, Foster) 19:55 (pp)
Penalties — Samuelsson Vcr (hooking) 2:03, Gagner Edm (tripping) 9:30, Brule Edm (boarding) 13:58, Peckham Edm (high-sticking) 14:10, Kesler Vcr (slashing) 19:20.
Shots

Vancouver	9	9	14	32
Edmonton	4	7	1	12

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,13-8-2); Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,2-3-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-4; Edmonton: 1-4.
Att. — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	26	25	51
Stamkos, TB	24	20	44
St. Louis, TB	11	26	37
D.Sedin, Vcr	16	20	36
Ovechkin, Wash	12	24	36
Datsyuk, Det	11	25	36
Perry, Ana	16	19	35
H.Sedin, Vcr	5	30	35
B.Richards, Dal	12	22	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Backstrom, Wash	11	22	33
Getzlaf, Ana	10	22	32
Hejduk, Col	11	20	31
Sharp, Chi	17	13	30
M.Richards, Pha	11	19	30
Byfuglien, Atl	10	20	30
Heatley, SJ	13	16	29
Zetterberg, Det	10	19	29
Roy, Buf	9	20	29
Giroux, Pha	14	14	28
Eriksson, Dal	12	16	28
Neal, Dal	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
P.Stastny, Col	12	16	28
Ladd, Atl	10	18	28
Selanne, Ana	10	18	28
Clowe, SJ	8	20	28
Dubinsky, NYR	14	13	27
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Kopitar, LA	11	16	27
Duchene, Col	9	18	27
Havlat, Minn	7	20	27
Lucic, Bos	15	11	26
Ryan, Ana	14	12	26
Toews, Chi	13	13	26
Iginla, Cal	12	14	26
J.Williams, LA	10	16	26
Plekanec, Mtl	9	17	26
J.Thornton, SJ	7	19	26
Liles, Col	5	21	26
Letang, Pgh	5	21	26
Vanek, Buf	13	12	25
C.Stewart, Col	11	14	25
M.Koivu, Minn	6	19	25
Visnovsky, Ana	4	21	25
Nash, Clb	15	9	24
J.Carter, Pha	12	12	24
Malone, TB	9	15	24
Briere, Pha	16	7	23

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	19	4	.826	—
d-Miami	17	8	.680	3
Orlando	16	8	.667	3½
Atlanta	16	9	.640	4
New York	16	9	.640	4
d-Chicago	14	8	.636	4½
Indiana	11	11	.500	7½
Milwaukee	9	13	.409	9½
Toronto	9	15	.375	10½
Charlotte	8	15	.348	11
Philadelphia	8	15	.348	11
Cleveland	7	17	.292	12½
Detroit	7	18	.280	13
Washington	6	16	.273	12½
New Jersey	6	18	.250	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	20	3	.870	—
Dallas	19	4	.826	1
d-L.A. Lakers	17	7	.708	3½
d-Oklahoma City	17	8	.680	4
d-Utah	17	8	.680	4
Denver	14	9	.609	6
New Orleans	14	9	.609	6
Portland	12	12	.500	8½
Phoenix	11	12	.478	9
Memphis	10	14	.417	10½
Houston	9	14	.391	11
Golden State	8	15	.348	12
Minnesota	6	18	.250	14½
Sacramento	5	16	.238	14
L.A. Clippers	5	20	.200	16

d-division leader
Last night's results
New Orleans at Miami
Indiana at Chicago
Portland at Memphis
Milwaukee at Dallas
Golden State at Utah
Sunday's results
New York 129 Denver 125
Philadelphia 88 New Orleans 70
L.A. Lakers 99 New Jersey 92
San Antonio 95 Portland 78
Oklahoma City 106 Cleveland 77
Orlando 94 L.A. Clippers 85
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	21	186	170	574	27.3
Bryant, LAL	24	219	169	640	26.7
Stoudemire, NYK	25	247	157	656	26.2
Rose, CHI	21	203	84	527	25.1
Nowitzki, DAL	23	220	115	575	25.0
Gordon, LAC	23	180	172	563	24.5
Ellis, GOL	23	216	96	560	24.3
James, MIA	25	204	167	605	24.2
Westbrook, OKC	25	197	186	589	23.6
Martin, HOU	23	147	190	533	23.2
Anthony, DEN	21	168	136	486	23.1
Wade, MIA	24	194	151	554	23.1
Williams, UTA	25	189	150	567	22.7
Howard, ORL	22	165	143	473	21.5
Bargnani, TOR	24	193	96	512	21.3
Beasley, MIN	22	190	70	468	21.3
Gay, MEM	24	196	83	508	21.2
Granger, IND	22	161	92	464	21.1
Love, MIN	24	165	131	493	20.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	108	170	.635
Gasol, MEM	105	172	.610
Young, PHL	120	205	.585
Ibaka, OKC	107	183	.585
Odom, LAL	152	261	.582
Howard, ORL	165	286	.577
Horford, ATL	179	312	.574
Nowitzki, DAL	220	387	.568
McGee, WAS	89	157	.567
Warrick, PHX	91	164	.555

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended Pittsburgh minor league RHP Arquimedes Lorenzo 50 games for his violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Koji Uehara on a one-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Named Chris Cron manager of Erie (EL) and Dave Huppert manager of Lakeland (FSL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joey Devine on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Designated C Rob Johnson for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with C Matt Treanor on a one-year contract. Announced RHP Ryan Tucker cleared outright waivers and was assigned to Round Rock (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Mel Stottlemyre, Jr. short-season pitching coordinator; Joel Youngblood outfield and baserunning coordinator; Turner Ward manager and Alan Zinter hitting coach for Mobile (SL); Jason Hardtke manager, Doug Drabek pitching coach and Andy Abad Hitting coache for Visalia (Cal); Bobby Smith hitting coach for Soputh Bend (MWL); Audo Vicente manager, Doug Bochtler pitching coach and Jacob Cruz hitting coach for Yakima (NWL); Andy Green hitting coach Missoula (Pioneer); Kelly Stinnett manager, Abraham Nunez hitting coach and Jeff Bajenaru pitching coach for D-backs (Arizona).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Juan Castro, C J.D. Closser and OF Eugenio Velez on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK METS—Named Ken Oberkfell bench coach, Mookie Wilson first base coach, Dave Hudgens hitting coach and Jon Debus bullpen coach. Retained third base coach Chip Hale and pitching coach Dan Warthen.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Dustin Moseley on a one-year contract.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Alfredo Caballero.
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Sold the contract of C Brian Peterson to Kansas City (AL).
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed C Luis Alen.

FRONTIER LEAGUE

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed OF Trae Gore and 1B Eddie Tisdale to contract extensions.
OAKLAND COUNTY CRUISERS—Signed RHP Brad Reid.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed OF Scott Houin to a contract extension.

BASKETBALL

NBA

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Recalled G Jonny Flynn from Sioux Falls (NBADL). NBA Development League
RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS—Announced F-C Patrick Patterson was recalled by Houston (NBA).

FOOTBALL

NFL

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed S Chinedum Ndukwe on injured reserve.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed WR Deon Butler on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled F Ryan Potulny from Rockford (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated D Willie Mitchell from injured reserve. Placed F Brad Richardson on injured reserve.
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned C Warren Peters to Houston (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Sent D Matt Corrente and RW Alexander Vasyunov to Albany (AHL). Recalled D Dan Kelly and D Harry Young from Albany.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled D Dylan Reese and F Rhett Rakhshani from Bridgeport (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Suspended F Jody Shelley two games for delivering a hit from behind to Boston D Adam McQuaid during a Dec. 11 game.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Adam Cracknell, F Chris Porter and F Dave Scatchard from Peoria (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned RW Andrew Gordon to Hershey (AHL).

AHL

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Released F Trent Campbell.

SOCCER

MLS

LEAGUE OFFICE—Named Kathy Carter president of Soccer United Marketing.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Signed D Kerrea Gilbert.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Saturday, Dec. 18
NEW MEXICO BOWL
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.
HUMANITARIAN BOWL
At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.
NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21
BEEF 'O' BRADY'S BOWL
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Louisville (6-6) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-4), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22
MAACO BOWL
At Las Vegas
Utah (10-2) vs. Boise State (11-1), 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 23
POINSETTIA BOWL
At San Diego, Calif.
San Diego State (8-4) vs. Navy (8-3), 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24
HAWAII BOWL
At Honolulu
Hawaii (10-3) vs. Tulsa (9-3), 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL
At Detroit
Toledo (8-4) vs. Florida International (6-6), 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 27
INDEPENDENCE BOWL
At Shreveport, La.
Georgia Tech (6-6) vs. Air Force (8-4), 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 28
CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
At Orlando, Fla.
North Carolina State (8-4) vs. West Virginia (9-3), 6:30 p.m.
INSIGHT BOWL
At Tempe, Ariz.
Missouri (10-2) vs. Iowa (7-5), 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29
MILITARY BOWL
At Landover, Md.
East Carolina (6-6) vs. Maryland (8-4), 2:30 p.m.
TEXAS BOWL
At Houston
Baylor (7-5) vs. Illinois (6-6), 6 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	11	2	0	.846	415	276
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	273	242
Miami	7	6	0	.538	225	244
Buffalo	3	10	0	.231	256	339

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	5	0	.615	295	331
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	347	318
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	8	0	.385	291	265

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	290	198
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	235	252
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	262	345

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	295	268
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	354	253
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	314	307
Denver	3	10	0	.231	269	376

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EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	374	308
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Washington	5	8	0	.385	238	310
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	321	366

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	335	243
New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	330	240
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	260	267
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	164	338

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	253	228
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	306	189
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	285	309

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	261	329
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	245	268
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	243	280
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	243	351

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WEEK 14

Last night's results
Baltimore at Houston
At Detroit
N.Y. Giants vs. Minnesota
Sunday's results
Arizona 43 Denver 13
Atlanta 31 Carolina 10
Buffalo 13 Cleveland 6
Detroit 7 Green Bay 3
Jacksonville 38 Oakland 31
Miami 10 N.Y. Jets 6
New England 36 Chicago 7
New Orleans 31 St. Louis 13
Pittsburgh 23 Cincinnati 7
San Diego 31 Kansas City 0
San Francisco 40 Seattle 21
Tampa Bay 17 Washington 16
Philadelphia 30 Dallas 27
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota (ppd., snow and stadium problems)

WEEK 15

Thursday's game
(All times Eastern)
San Francisco at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Kansas City at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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‘I wasn’t thinking,’ coach says of trip

New York Jets assistant suspended without pay for rest of the season, fined $25K for upending Miami player

Sal Alosi fought back tears as he struggled to explain why he tripped a Miami Dolphins player during a game.

The New York Jets assistant coach apologized for his “inexcusable and irresponsible” actions at a news conference yesterday.

He was later suspended without pay for the rest of the season, including the playoffs, and fined an additional $25,000 US.

“I wasn’t thinking,” the Jets’ strength and conditioning coach said. “If I could go back and do it again, I sure as heck would take a step back. It was just a situation where I wasn’t thinking.”

Alosi stuck his left knee out on the sideline and tripped Dolphins cornerback Nolan Carroll, who was covering a punt in the third quarter of Miami’s 10-6 win Sunday.

“I let everybody down yesterday with my actions,” a remorseful Alosi said. “My actions were inexcusable and irresponsible.”

Carroll, a rookie, fell to the turf and lay there for several minutes before walking off.

“That’s a thing that has no business in this league,” coach Rex Ryan said, “or anywhere else.”

Alosi said he hadn’t personally spoken to anyone from the league’s offices, nor had he offered to resign.

He apologized by phone to both Carroll and Dolphins coach Tony Sparano Sunday, and spoke to Ryan, Jets owner Woody Johnson and general manager Mike Tannenbaum about the situation.

Ryan issued a public apology to Carroll and the Dolphins at his daily news conference.

“I was stunned that something like this actually took place,” Ryan said.

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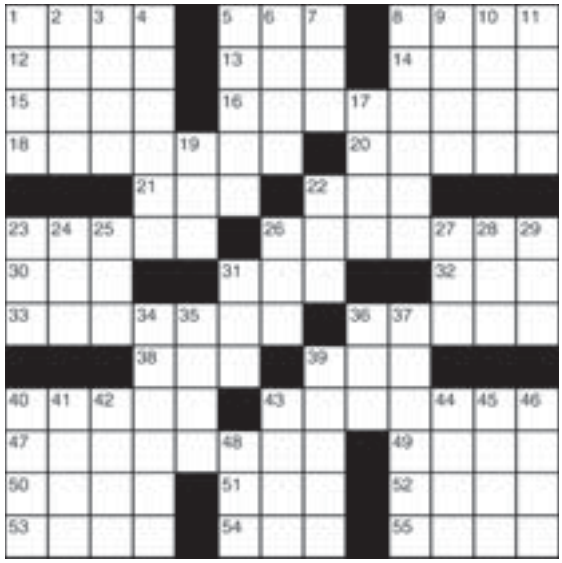

Across

1 Unkempt one
5 Method
8 Arrived
12 Protagonist
13 Past
14 "Oh, woe!"
15 — the Terrible
16 Matisse et al.
18 Tall footed beer glass
20 Overact
21 Atmosphere
22 Sch. group
23 PDA communique
26 Speech sound
30 High hit
31 Cushion
32 Flee
33 At the center
36 Bacteria
38 Minstrel's song
39 Chignon
40 South American range
43 City in a Dionne Warwick hit
47 Type of hairstyle
49 Aware of
50 Spore cases
51 Poolroom stick
52 Picture on a laptop
53 "Phooey!"
54 Type measures
55 Information

Down

1 Ocean liner, e.g.
2 Jeans-maker Strauss
3 Exam format
4 Dwarf tree
5 Thin cracker
6 Culture medium
7 Thee
8 Alligator's cousin
9 As well
10 Actor Damon
11 Brutus' being
17 Presidential power
19 Zero
22 Third degree?
23 Sprite
24 Cattle call?
25 Easy as —
26 Remuneration
27 Mess up
28 Silent
29 Halves of 54-Across
31 Thickness
34 Joan Collins' "Dynasty" role
35 Whip
36 Pistol
37 Command
39 Uses the oven
40 Distant
41 Houston acronym
42 Tubular channel
43 Like lapsin the pool
44 Formerly
45 Pack cargo
46 A really long time
48 Expert

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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7			1	5		3	2	
5		3					6	
	2	8		1				
			7		4			
				9		1	4	
	7					8		4
	6	1		3	5			9
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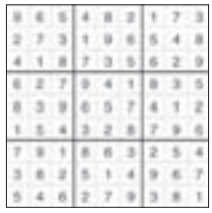

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It will pay to be nice to people today, especially those who might be able to further your career interests. Don't let your temper get the better of you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Do you get the feeling that it's time to move on? Today's cosmic pattern will ignite your interest in faraway places. If you are brave enough to actually get up and go, it could be the best thing you ever did.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You need to get your finances in order, and you need to do it quickly. If you don't make the necessary changes over the next two or three days, you will find that balancing the books is almost impossible.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will find it easier to reach your goals if you team up with people who share your aims and ambitions. You don't have to like one another, you just have to work together.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Listen to your conscience and do as it tells you, even if it puts you at odds with loved ones and work colleagues. You know from experience that your inner voice is seldom wrong, so listen carefully then act.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Cosmic activity in the most positive area of your chart means that if you want to do something or if there is someone you want to get close to, you must make your move soon.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something you can do for someone you love, do it and don't count the cost. When you do a good deed, you make it more likely that good deeds will come back to you.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't let your heart rule your head today. Facts and figures must come first, both in your personal life and at work. Someone's sob story may sound credible but the planets warn it is a big con.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It will all come together today. Now you can see why certain things have occurred and why the powers that be have been guiding you in a new direction.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You'll soon have the kind of self-belief that moves mountains. However, as Mercury is moving retrograde you must be sure in that what you desire is what you really need.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart urges you to be kind to yourself. You may look tough but on an inner level you are struggling with doubt.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 If you say what you think today, you will upset someone with whom it would be wiser to stay on good terms. Just because you know the truth does not mean you have to speak it.
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d-Washington	32	18	11	1	2	98	92	39	12-4-0-2	6-7-1-0	4-5-0-1	L6
d-Montreal	30	18	10	2	0	78	61	38	11-4-2-0	7-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Philadelphia	31	19	7	2	3	105	76	43	10-5-0-2	9-2-2-1	6-1-0-3	W2
Atlanta	31	17	11	1	2	99	91	37	9-6-0-1	8-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
NY Rangers	32	18	13	1	0	96	83	37	7-8-1-0	11-5-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Boston	28	16	8	1	3	81	56	36	7-5-1-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	30	16	10	2	2	94	106	36	7-2-1-1	9-8-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Ottawa	32	13	16	2	1	71	96	29	8-8-1-1	5-8-1-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Carolina	28	12	12	0	4	78	87	28	6-5-0-1	6-7-0-3	3-3-0-4	W1
Buffalo	30	12	14	4	0	78	84	28	6-9-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	28	13	15	0	0	71	72	26	6-5-0-0	7-10-0-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Toronto	29	11	14	2	2	65	86	26	8-6-2-1	3-8-0-1	4-5-1-0	W1
New Jersey	29	8	19	1	1	53	88	18	4-7-1-1	4-12-0-0	3-7-0-0	L5
NY Islanders	28	5	18	3	2	59	98	15	3-7-1-1	2-11-2-1	1-7-2-0	L6

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	29	19	7	2	1	96	78	41	11-4-1-1	8-3-1-0	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Vancouver	28	16	8	2	2	91	74	36	9-3-1-1	7-5-1-1	6-3-1-0	W1
d-Dallas	29	17	10	0	2	83	80	36	11-3-0-1	6-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
Nashville	29	15	8	4	2	76	70	36	7-1-3-2	8-7-1-0	6-1-1-2	W3
Colorado	30	16	10	4	0	108	95	36	8-4-1-0	8-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	W3
Anaheim	33	16	13	2	2	87	98	36	11-6-0-1	5-7-2-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Los Angeles	28	17	10	1	0	78	65	35	11-2-1-0	6-8-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Chicago	32	16	13	2	1	101	96	35	8-8-0-0	8-5-2-1	6-3-1-0	L2
Phoenix	28	14	8	4	2	81	77	34	6-4-2-2	8-4-2-0	6-3-0-1	W1
Columbus	29	16	11	1	1	76	79	34	8-7-0-1	8-4-1-0	3-5-1-1	L1
San Jose	29	15	10	4	0	88	84	34	8-4-2-0	7-6-2-0	6-4-0-0	W1
St. Louis	28	14	9	2	3	72	75	33	9-2-0-2	5-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	29	13	12	1	3	71	86	30	7-6-0-2	6-6-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Calgary	31	13	15	1	2	84	19	29	8-6-0-0	5-9-1-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Edmonton	29	11	13	1	4	77	101	27	5-7-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Los Angeles 5 Detroit 0
Atlanta 4 Ottawa 3 (OT)
Nashville 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Colorado 7 Chicago 5
Calgary 3 Columbus 2 (OT)
Dallas at San Jose
Sunday's results
Vancouver 2 Edmonton 1
Anaheim 6 Minnesota 2
N.Y. Rangers 7 Washington 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

THRASHERS 4, SENS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Atlanta, Slater 5 (Boulton, Thorburn) 9:36
2. Atlanta, Little 8 (Thorburn, Byfuglien) 17:18
Penalties — Atlanta bench (too many men; served by Stapleton) 0:35.
Second Period
3. Atlanta, Byfuglien 11 (Peverley, Anropov) 17:38
4. Ottawa, Alfredsson 9, 18:31
Penalties — None.
Third Period
5. Ottawa, Neil 2 (Ruutu, Kelly) 5:48
6. Ottawa, Spezza 8, 7:23 (penalty shot)
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. Atlanta, Little 9, 1:09
Penalties — None.
Shots

Atlanta	10	4	7	3—24
Ottawa	11	6	13	0—30

Goal — Atlanta: Pavelec (W,10-6-2); Ottawa: Elliott (L,10-10-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Atlanta: 0-0; Ottawa: 0-1.
Att. — 18,184 (19,153) at Ottawa.

FLAMES 3, JACKETS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Calgary, Iginla 13 (Backlund, Giordano) 2:20
2. Calgary, Morrison 5 (Hagman, Babchuk) 4:25
Penalty — Pahlsson Clb (holding) 11:30.
Second Period
3. Columbus, Vermette 9 (Murray) 18:45 (sh)
Penalties — Tyutin Clb (elbowing) 12:20, Sestito Clb (hooking) 17:43.
Third Period
4. Columbus, Nash 17 (Russell, Vermette) 15:41 (pp)
Penalty — Pardy Cal (hooking) 15:13.
Overtime
5. Calgary, Iginla 14 (Tanguay, Sarich) 3:49
Penalties — None.
Shots

Columbus	6	9	9	0—24
Calgary	11	6	5	3—25

Goal (shots-saves) — Columbus: Mason (4-2), Garon (L,7-4-0)(4:25 first)(21-20); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,11-14-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Columbus: 1-1; Calgary: 0-3.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	26	25	51
Stamkos, TB	24	20	44
St. Louis, TB	11	26	37
D.Sedin, Vcr	16	20	36
Ovechkin, Wash	12	24	36
Datsyuk, Det	11	25	36
Perry, Ana	16	19	35
H.Sedin, Vcr	5	30	35
B.Richards, Dal	12	22	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
Backstrom, Wash	11	22	33
Getzlaf, Ana	10	22	32
Hejduk, Col	11	20	31
Sharp, Chi	17	13	30
M.Richards, Pha	11	19	30
Byfuglien, Atl	10	20	30
Heatley, SJ	13	16	29
Ladd, Atl	10	19	29
Zetterberg, Det	10	19	29
Roy, Buf	9	20	29
Giroux, Pha	14	14	28
Neal, Dal	13	15	28
Eriksson, Dal	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
P.Stastny, Col	12	16	28

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	19	4	.826	—
d-Miami	18	8	.692	2½
Orlando	16	8	.667	3½
d-Chicago	15	8	.652	4
Atlanta	16	9	.640	4
New York	16	9	.640	4
Indiana	11	12	.478	8
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	9
Toronto	9	15	.375	10½
Charlotte	8	15	.348	11
Philadelphia	8	15	.348	11
Cleveland	7	17	.292	12½
Detroit	7	18	.280	13
Washington	6	16	.273	12½
New Jersey	6	18	.250	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	20	3	.870	—
Dallas	19	5	.792	1½
d-L.A. Lakers	17	7	.708	3½
d-Utah	18	8	.692	3½
Oklahoma City	17	8	.680	4
Denver	14	9	.609	6
New Orleans	14	10	.583	6½
Portland	12	13	.480	9
Phoenix	11	12	.478	9
Memphis	11	14	.440	10
Houston	9	14	.391	11
Golden State	8	16	.333	12½
Minnesota	6	18	.250	14½
Sacramento	5	16	.238	14
L.A. Clippers	5	20	.200	16

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Last night's results
Miami 96 New Orleans 84
Chicago 92 Indiana 73
Memphis 86 Portland 73
Milwaukee 103 Dallas 99
Utah 108 Golden State 95
Sunday's results
New York 129 Denver 125
Philadelphia 88 New Orleans 70
L.A. Lakers 99 New Jersey 92
San Antonio 95 Portland 78
Oklahoma City 106 Cleveland 77
Orlando 94 L.A. Clippers 85
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	21	186	170	574	27.3
Bryant, LAL	24	219	169	640	26.7
Stoudemire, NYK	25	247	157	656	26.2
Rose, CHI	21	203	84	527	25.1
Nowitzki, DAL	23	220	115	575	25.0
Gordon, LAC	23	180	172	563	24.5
Ellis, GOL	23	216	96	560	24.3
James, MIA	25	204	167	605	24.2
Westbrook, OKC	25	197	186	589	23.6
Martin, HOU	23	147	190	533	23.2
Anthony, DEN	21	168	136	486	23.1
Wade, MIA	24	194	151	554	23.1
Williams, UTA	25	189	150	567	22.7
Howard, ORL	22	165	143	473	21.5
Bargnani, TOR	24	193	96	512	21.3
Beasley, MIN	22	190	70	468	21.3
Gay, MEM	24	196	83	508	21.2
Granger, IND	22	161	92	464	21.1
Love, MIN	24	165	131	493	20.5

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	108	170	.635
Gasol, MEM	105	172	.610
Young, PHL	120	205	.585
Ibaka, OKC	107	183	.585
Odom, LAL	152	261	.582
Howard, ORL	165	286	.577
Horford, ATL	179	312	.574
Nowitzki, DAL	220	387	.568
McGee, WAS	89	157	.567
Warrick, PHX	91	164	.555

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended Pittsburgh minor league RHP Arquimedes Lorenzo 50 games for his violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Koji Uehara on a one-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Named Chris Cron manager of Erie (EL) and Dave Huppert manager of Lakeland (FSL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joey Devine on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Designated C Rob Johnson for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with C Matt Treanor on a one-year contract. Announced RHP Ryan Tucker cleared outright waivers and was assigned to Round Rock (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Mel Stottlemyre, Jr. short-season pitching coordinator; Joel Youngblood outfield and baserunning coordinator; Turner Ward manager and Alan Zinter hitting coach for Mobile (SL); Jason Hardtke manager, Doug Drabek pitching coach and Andy Abad Hitting coache for Visalia (Cal); Bobby Smith pitching coach for Soputh Bend (MWL); Audo Vicente manager, Doug Bochtler pitching coach and Jacob Cruz hitting coach for Yakima (NWL); Andy Green hitting coach Missoula (Pioneer); Kelly Stinnett manager, Abraham Nunez hitting coach and Jeff Bajenaru pitching coach for D-backs (Arizona).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Juan Castro, C J.D. Closser and OF Eugenio Velez on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK METS—Named Ken Oberkfell bench coach, Mookie Wilson first base coach, Dave Hudgens hitting coach and Jon Debus bullpen coach. Retained third base coach Chip Hale and pitching coach Dan Warthen.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Dustin Moseley on a one-year contract.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Alfredo Caballero.
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Sold the contract of C Brian Peterson to Kansas City (AL).
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES—Signed C Luis Alen.

FRONTIER LEAGUE

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS—Signed OF Trae Gore and 1B Eddie Tisdale to contract extensions.
OAKLAND COUNTY CRUISERS—Signed RHP Brad Reid.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Signed OF Scott Houin to a contract extension.

BASKETBALL

NBA

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Recalled G Jonny Flynn from Sioux Falls (NBADL). NBA Development League
RIO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS—Announced F-C Patrick Patterson was recalled by Houston (NBA).

FOOTBALL

NFL

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed S Chinedum Ndukwe on injured reserve.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed WR Deon Butler on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled F Ryan Potulny from Rockford (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated D Willie Mitchell from injured reserve. Placed F Brad Richardson on injured reserve.
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned C Warren Peters to Houston (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Sent D Matt Corrente and RW Alexander Vasyunov to Albany (AHL). Recalled D Dan Kelly and D Harry Young from Albany.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Recalled D Dylan Reese and F Rhett Rakhshani from Bridgeport (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Suspended F Jody Shelley two games for delivering a hit from behind to Boston D Adam McQuaid during a Dec. 11 game.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Adam Cracknell, F Chris Porter and F Dave Scatchard from Peoria (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned RW Andrew Gordon to Hershey (AHL).

AHL

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Released F Trent Campbell.

SOCCER

MLS

LEAGUE OFFICE—Named Kathy Carter president of Soccer United Marketing.
PORTLAND TIMBERS—Signed D Kerrea Gilbert.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Saturday's games
NEW MEXICO BOWL
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.
HUMANITARIAN BOWL
At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.
NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21
BEEF 'O' BRADY'S BOWL
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Louisville (6-6) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-4), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22
MAACO BOWL
At Las Vegas
Utah (10-2) vs. Boise State (11-1), 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 23
POINSETTIA BOWL
At San Diego, Calif.
San Diego State (8-4) vs. Navy (8-3), 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24
HAWAII BOWL
At Honolulu
Hawaii (10-3) vs. Tulsa (9-3), 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL
At Detroit
Toledo (8-4) vs. Florida International (6-6), 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 27
INDEPENDENCE BOWL
At Shreveport, La.
Georgia Tech (6-6) vs. Air Force (8-4), 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 28
CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
At Orlando, Fla.
North Carolina State (8-4) vs. West Virginia (9-3), 6:30 p.m.
INSIGHT BOWL
At Tempe, Ariz.
Missouri (10-2) vs. Iowa (7-5), 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29
MILITARY BOWL
At Landover, Md.
East Carolina (6-6) vs. Maryland (8-4), 2:30 p.m.
TEXAS BOWL
At Houston
Baylor (7-5) vs. Illinois (6-6), 6 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	11	2	0	.846	415	276
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	273	242
Miami	7	6	0	.538	225	244
Buffalo	3	10	0	.231	256	339

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	5	0	.615	295	331
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	347	318
Houston	5	8	0	.385	316	355
Tennessee	5	8	0	.385	291	265

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	290	198
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	294	229
Cleveland	5	8	0	.385	235	252
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.154	262	345

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	295	268
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	354	253
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	314	307
Denver	3	10	0	.231	269	376

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	329	250
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	374	308
Washington	5	8	0	.385	238	310
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	321	366

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	2	0	.846	335	243
New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	330	240
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	260	267
Carolina	1	12	0	.077	164	338

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	253	228
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615	306	189
Minnesota	5	8	0	.385	230	274
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	285	309

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	261	329
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	245	268
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	243	280
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	243	351

x — clinched playoff berth.

WEEK 14

Last night's results
Baltimore 34 Houston 28 (OT)
At Detroit
N.Y. Giants 21 Minnesota 3
Sunday's results
Arizona 43 Denver 13
Atlanta 31 Carolina 10
Buffalo 13 Cleveland 6
Detroit 7 Green Bay 3
Jacksonville 38 Oakland 31
Miami 10 N.Y. Jets 6
New England 36 Chicago 7
New Orleans 31 St. Louis 13
Pittsburgh 23 Cincinnati 7
San Diego 31 Kansas City 0
San Francisco 40 Seattle 21
Tampa Bay 17 Washington 16
Philadelphia 30 Dallas 27
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota (ppd., snow and stadium problems)

WEEK 15

Thursday's game
(All times Eastern)
San Francisco at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Kansas City at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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